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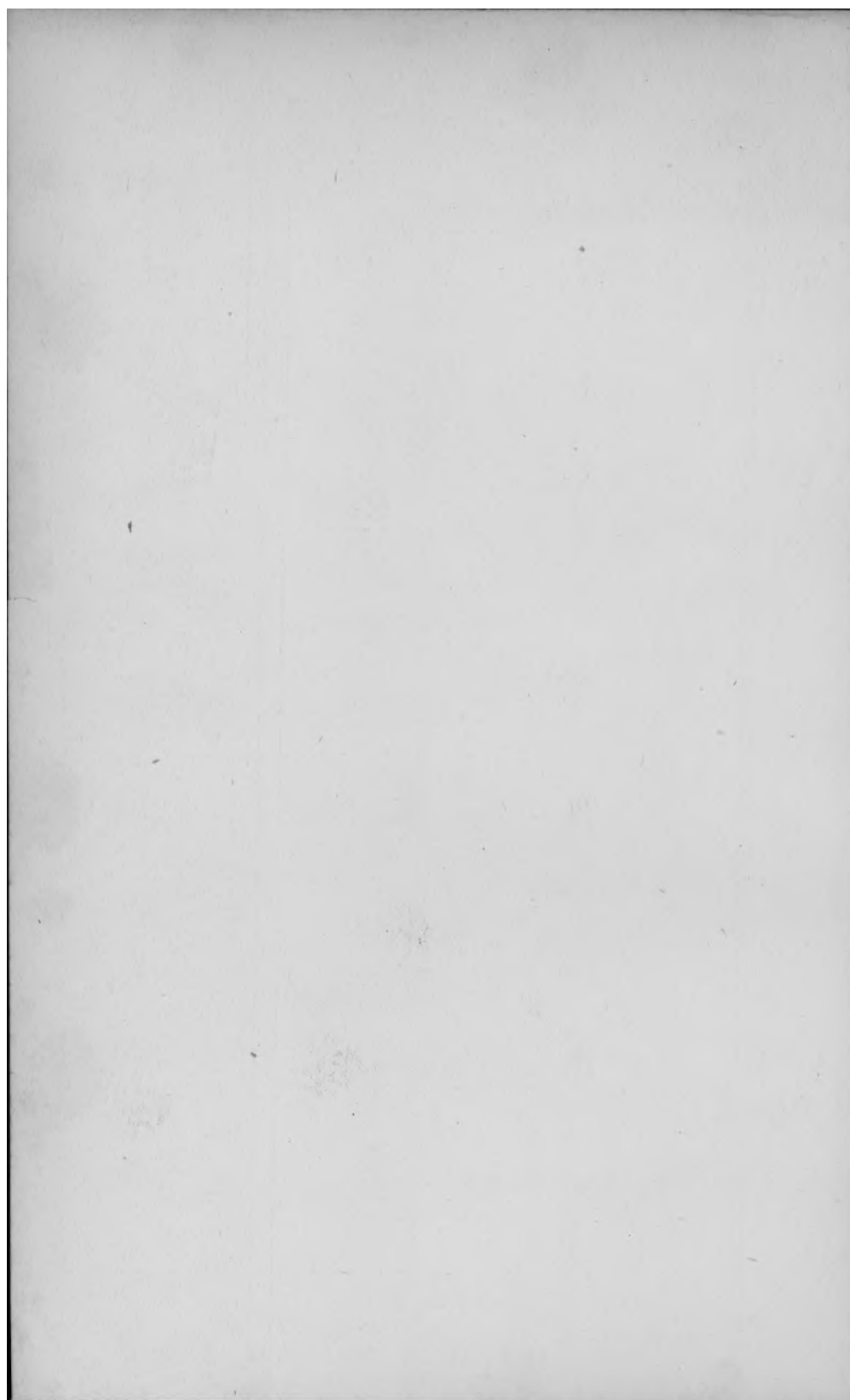
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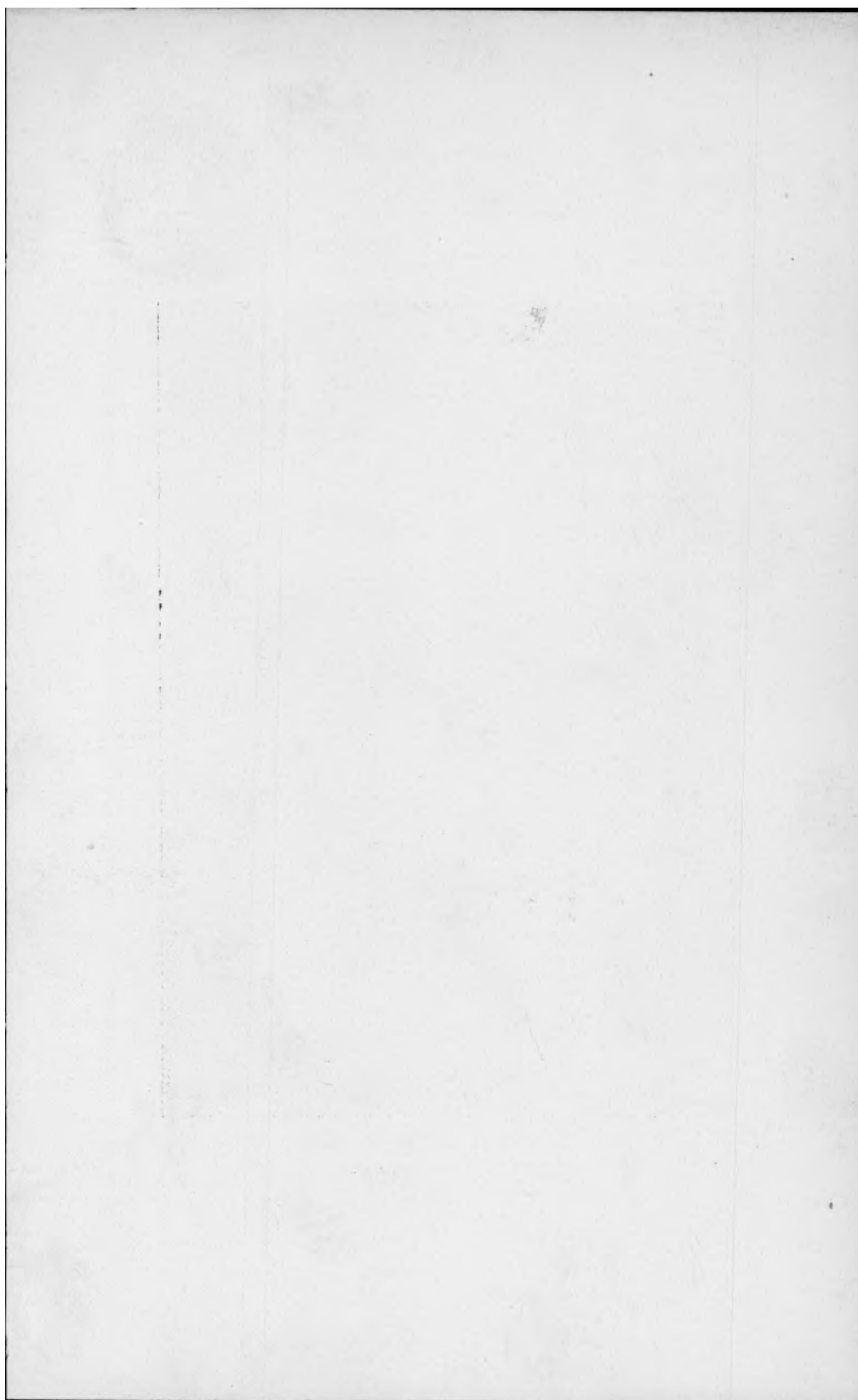


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JOHN B. LYONS,
GRAND HIGH PRIEST.



JOHN B. LYONS,
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

The subject of this sketch was born in Elmore County, Alabama, November 4, 1866. He was educated in the common schools of Elmore and Macon Counties.

His earlier life was devoted to the mercantile business. He spent three years in Brazil with Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary H. Clay Armstrong, who was Consul General to Brazil under President Cleveland.

He was elected Judge of Probate of Lee county, Alabama, in 1904, and re-elected to the same office in 1910.

The following is his Masonic History:

John B. Lyons was initiated December 26, 1893, passed January 13, 1894, and raised February 10, 1894, in Notasulga Lodge No. 119, of Notasulga, Alabama. From this Lodge he dimitted March 13, 1896, and affiliated with Lee Lodge No. 454, of Opelika, Alabama, May 11, 1897, of which Lodge he was elected Worshipful Master in the years 1898, 1899, 1900 and 1901. He has been a member of one of the important Standing Committees of the Grand Lodge A., F., & A., M., of Alabama for many years.

He was advanced October 31, 1894, presided November 9, 1894, received and accepted November 20, 1894, and exalted November 29, 1894, in Notasulga Chapter No. 92, of Notasulga, Alabama. From this Chapter he dimitted September 11, 1897, and affiliated with Myles J. Greene Chapter No. 80, of Opelika, Alabama, July 5, 1898, of which Chapter he was elected High Priest in the year 1901 and served as such continuously until June, 1910. He was anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood, December 1, 1903.

He was appointed Grand Master of the Second Vei of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama at the Annual Convocation held in December, 1904; was successively advanced, and was elected Grand High Priest at the Annual Convocation held in December, 1912.

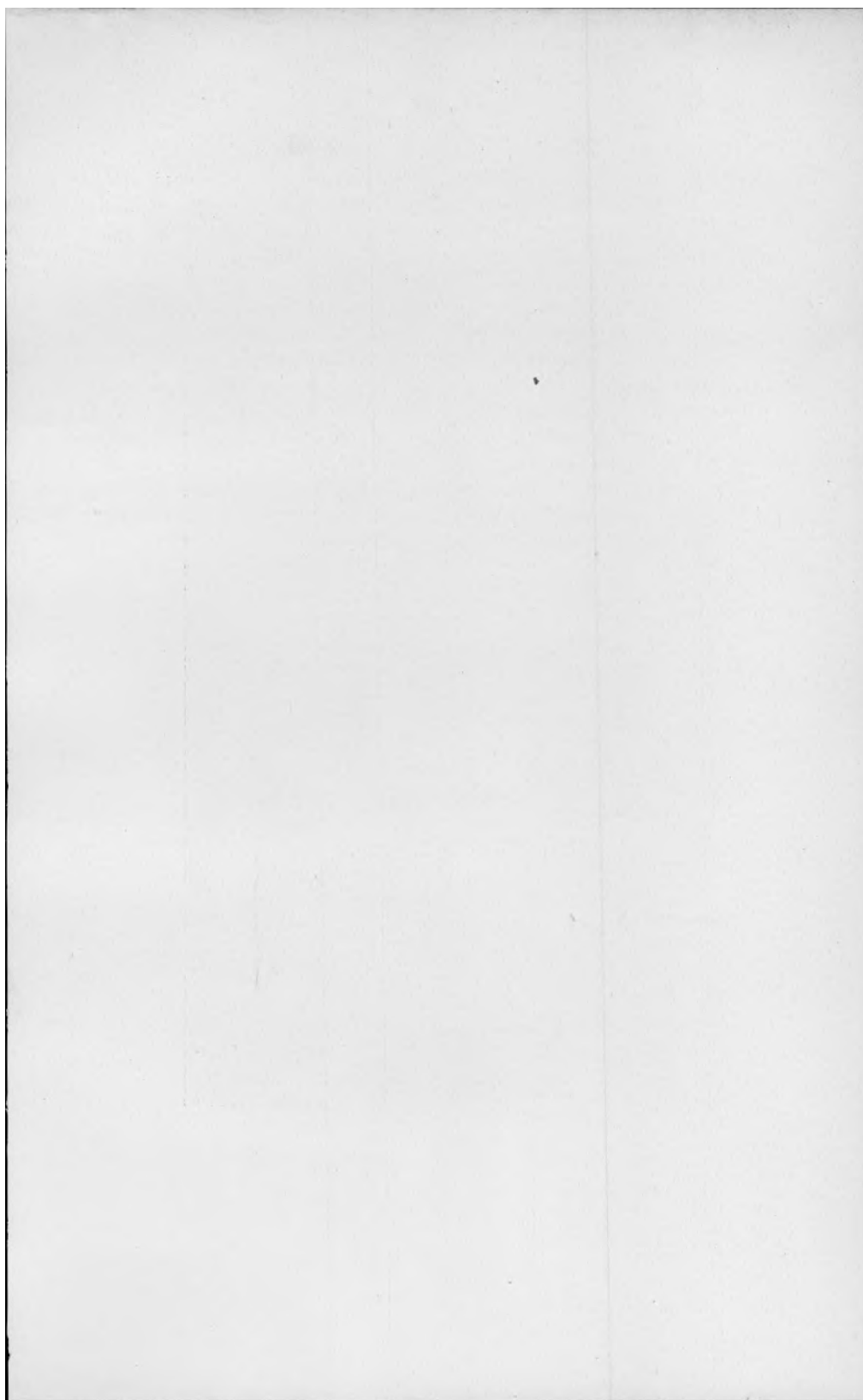
He was received and greeted in the year 1899 in Montgomery Council No. 3, Royal and Select Masters, of Montgomery, Alabama, from which Council he dimitted April 6, 1910, and became a Charter member of Dadeville Council No. 65, of Dadeville, Alabama.

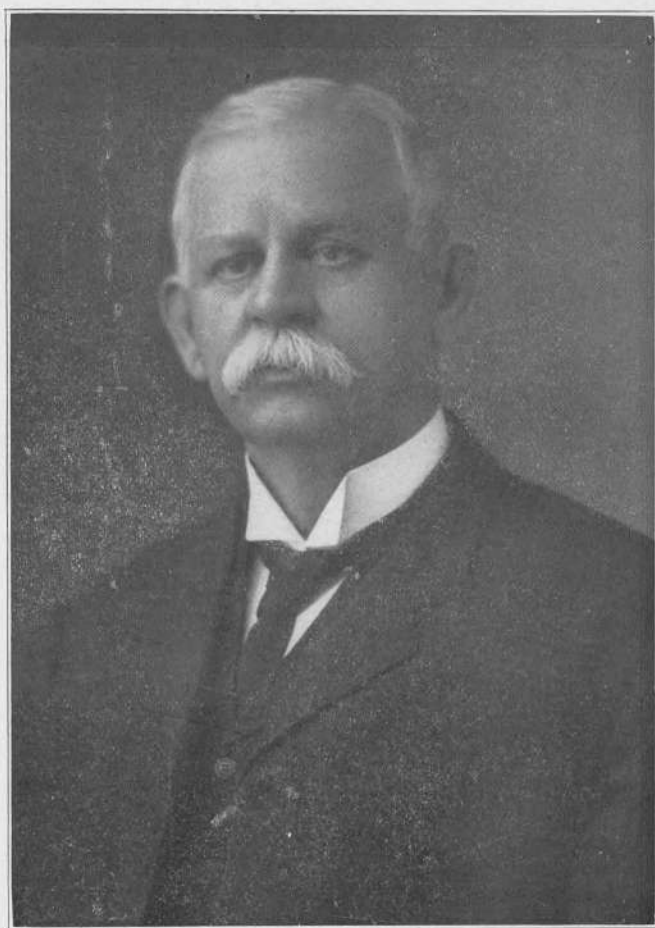
In the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Alabama, he was elected Grand Steward at the Annual Assembly held in 1900, was successively advanced; and was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master at the Annual Assembly held in 1906.

He was Knighted November 17, 1899, in Montgomery Commandery No. 4, of Montgomery, Alabama, from which Commandery he dimitted on August 8, 1905, and became a Charter member of Sylacauga Commandery No. 21, of Sylacauga, Alabama. He dimitted from the last-named Commandery June 10, 1908, and became a Charter member of Opelika Commandery No. 28, of Opelika, Alabama.

He has also received the degrees of the A. & A. S. R. S. J. from the 4th to the 32nd, inclusive, and is a member of Alcazar Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., of Montgomery, Alabama.

He is an enthusiastic Mason, zealous and efficient, and one of the most genial of men. None know him but to love him.





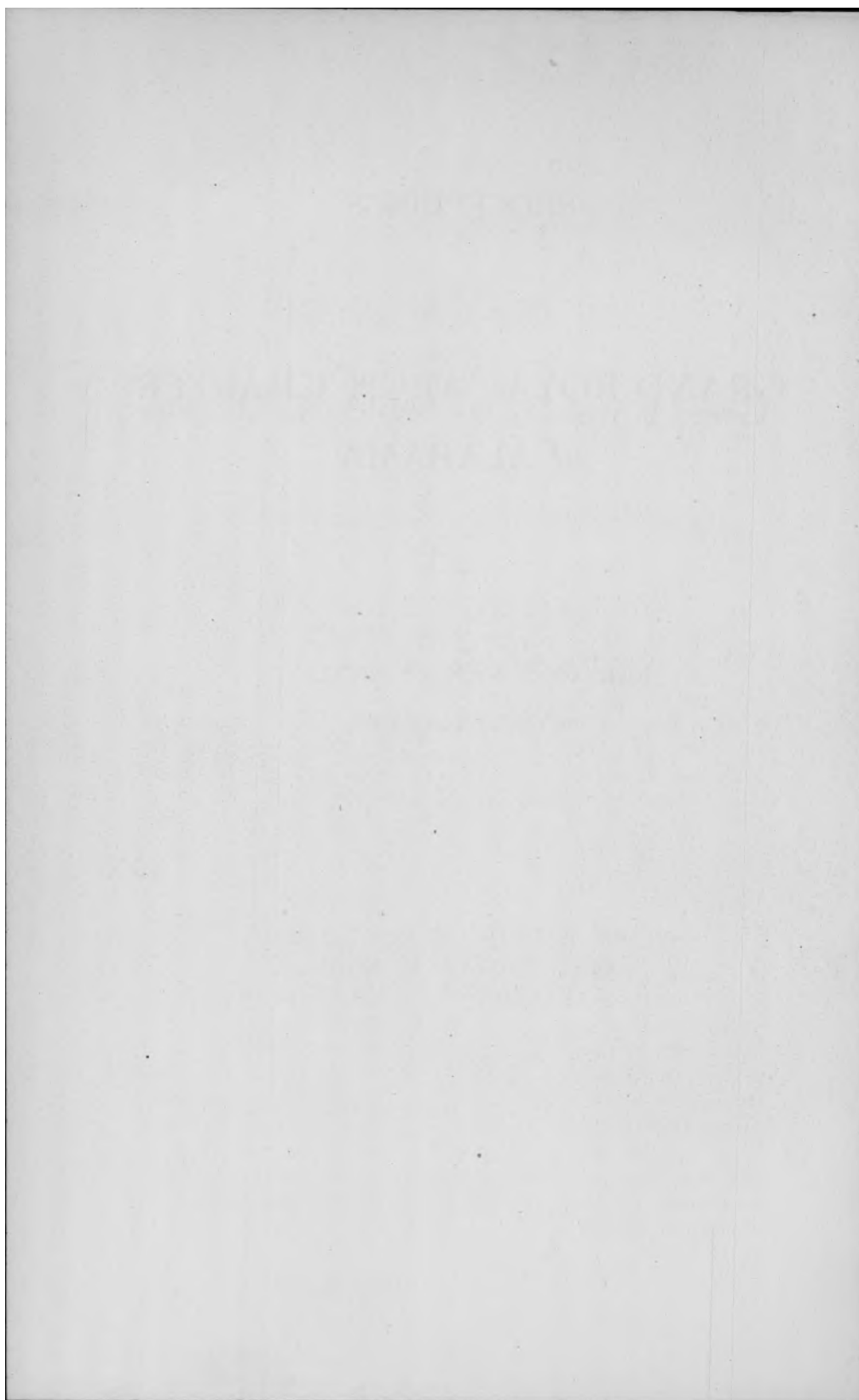
WILLIAM WALLACE SCREWS.
GRAND HIGH PRIEST, 1885-1887.

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The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama met in Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Montgomery, on Monday, December 1, 1913, at 9 o'clock A. M.

PRESENT.

JOHN B. LYONS	Grand High Priest.
ALBERT E. PACE	Deputy Grand High Priest
NORMAN GUNN	Grand King.
WILLIAM W. RANSOM	Grand Scribe.
JOHN WILSON TERRY	Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP	Grand Secretary.
STEWART MCQUEEN	Grand Chaplain.
JOHN H. MCCORMICK	Grand Captain of the Host
HENRY F. REESE	Grand Principal Sojourner.
JOSEPH D. MATLOCK	Grand Royal Arch Captain
JOHN PHILIP MELVIN	Grand Master 3rd Veil.
PHILIP MCRAE	Grand Master 2nd Veil.
JACOB BLEY	as Grand Master 1st Veil.
WILLIAM H. COOPER	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

CHARLES R. BRICKEN	Past Grand High Priest.
BASIL M. HILL	Past Grand High Priest.
FRANCIS H. BATES	Past Grand High Priest.
ROBERT S. TEAGUE	Past Grand High Priest.
LEW LAZARUS	Past Grand High Priest.
JOHN B. CHRISTIAN	Past Grand High Priest.
WILLIAM E. BINGHAM	Past Grand High Priest.
LAWRENCE H. LEE	Past Grand High Priest.
GEORGE A. JOINER	Past Grand Secretary.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS NEAR
THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

Arizona	George W. Coggin.
Arkansas	William W. Ransom.
California	Basil M. Hill.
Canada	Lew Lazarus.
Colorado	John B. Christian.
Connecticut	William Y. Titcomb.
Delaware	Albert E. Pace.
District of Columbia	Norman Gunn.
Florida	Robert T. Ward.
Georgia	Robert S. Teague.
Idaho	Walter B. Merrill.
Illinois	John Willson Terry.
Indiana	Seth Mabry.
Iowa	Stewart McQueen.
Kentucky	Louis J. Wright.
Maine	George Pegram.
Maryland	Hezeriah G. Earnest.
Massachusetts	George A. Joiner.
Minnesota	Walter Smith.
Missouri	William E. Bingham.
Nebraska	Richard H. Jones.
Nevada	Charles R. Bricken.
New Brunswick	John M. Miller.
New Jersey	William P. Cobb.

New South Wales.....	Q. Salter.
New York.....	Lawrence H. Lee.
North Dakota.....	John Philip Melvin.
Nova Scotia.....	Albert Early Garner.
Oklahoma.....	William F. Betts.
Oregon.....	George A. Beauchamp.
Pennsylvania.....	Woolsey Finnell.
Quebec.....	Joseph D. Matlock.
Scotland.....	Jacob U. Ray.
South Carolina.....	Francis H. Bates.
South Dakota.....	Jacob Bley.
Texas.....	John B. Lyons.
Utah.....	Philip McRae.
Victoria.....	Gabriel M. Saliba.
Virginia.....	Henry F. Reese.
Washington.....	Samuel Stein.
Western Australia.....	John H. McCormick.
West Virginia.....	Robert F. Lovelady.
Wisconsin.....	James C. Benson.
Wyoming.....	Thomas Bradford.

AND HIGH PRIESTS, KINGS, SCRIBES AND PROXIES FROM
SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS AS FOLLOWS:

No.		{ F. W. Meeds.....	H. P.
1	Tuscaloosa.....	{ E. W. Hausman.....	K.
		{ Woolsey Finnell*.....	S.
5	Eunomia.....	{ J. L. Kendall.....	H. P.
		{ A. F. Evans*.....	K.
10	Tuscumbia.....	Young S. Harrington.....	S.
12	Marion.....	{ F. H. Bates*.....	H. P.
		{ G. C. Bates*.....	K.
19	Mt. Moriah.....	{ Amand Pfister Smith.....	H. P.
		{ F. E. Tibbs*.....	K.
21	Mobile.....	{ J. H. McCormick*.....	H. P.
		{ P. B. Dixon*.....	K.
		{ J. D. Bloch*.....	S.
22	Montgomery.....	{ S. E. Washburn.....	H. P.
		{ L. B. Bradshaw.....	K.
		{ O. A. Johnson.....	S.
23	Talladega.....	{ G. A. Joiner*.....	H. P.
		{ Louis J. Wright*.....	K.
		{ Marion H. Sims*.....	S.

24	Eufaula	{ Seth Mabry	H. P.
		{ Geo. A. Beauchamp*	K.
25	Courtland	J. C. Giddens	H. P.
26	Union	John B. Christian	H. P.
28	St. John's	{ H. F. Reese, Jr.	H. P.
		{ Louis Raymond	K.
		{ John Moffett*	S.
34	Hermon	F. G. Ramsey*	H. P.
38	Decatur	{ Fred T. Saywell*	H. P.
		{ Charles H. Johnson*	K.
40	Camden	{ J. C. Benson	H. P.
		{ Sol. D. Bloch*	K.
54	Tyrian	{ Charles F. White*	H. P.
		{ A. B. Foster*	S.
56	Dadeville	{ R. T. Ward	H. P.
		{ Wm. C. Roeck*	K.
		{ Jere C. Dennis	S.
57	Collinsville	Wm. R. Roberts	K.
64	Central	{ E. H. Wills*	H. P.
		{ T. W. Palmer*	K.
		{ A. K. Parks*	S.
71	Landmark	{ L. W. Kolb	H. P.
		{ Marvin Dowling*	K.
		{ A. B. Metcalf*	S.
76	Elyton	Horace J. Salter	H. P.
79	Hillabee	J. M. Pearson*	H. P.
80	Myles J. Greene	P. P. Brooks	K.
81	Jefferson	{ Jacob Bley	H. P.
		{ B. F. Gregory*	K.
		{ H. A. Monier*	S.
86	Coosa	{ H. L. Ison	H. P.
		{ D. W. Burgin*	K.
		{ Chas. L. Marsh	S.
88	Springville	Basil M. Hill	K.
99	Ben Bricken	{ Charles R. Bricken	H. P.
		{ M. W. Rushton	S.
100	Roanoke	{ J. W. Hooper	H. P.
		{ B. F. Weathers*	K.
101	Mineral City	{ John Biddle	H. P.
		{ John B. Bethea*	K.
		{ W. W. Ransom*	S.
104	Sylacauga	{ G. C. Jones*	H. P.
		{ S. S. Perryman*	K.
		{ J. R. Waldrip*	S.
105	Anniston	{ D. R. Murphey	H. P.
		{ William S. Kilby*	K.
		{ C. H. Tomlinson*	S.

106	Graham	{ J. E. Thomason	H. P.
		{ Thomas J. Thomason*	K.
		{ Joel H. Whitten*	S.
108	Pratt City	{ J. C. Fason	H. P.
		{ D. G. Richards	K.
109	Blocton	W. W. Perry*	H. P.
110	Bessemer	{ Samuel Stein*	H. P.
		{ George Whitley*	S.
111	Piedmont	{ Oliver L. Stewart*	H. P.
		{ W. T. Coleman*	K.
112	Brewton	{ M. H. Hagood	H. P.
		{ W. T. Neal*	K.
113	Dothan	{ O. M. Murphy*	H. P.
		{ R. C. Williams	S.
114	H. Clay Armstrong	Geo. W. Coggin	H. P.
116	Clanton	H. T. Pipes	H. P.
118	Jasper	{ Frank A. Gamble	H. P.
		{ Norman Gunn*	K.
		{ J. H. Craig*	S.
120	Ensley	{ John S. Falkner*	H. P.
		{ William Porteous	K.
		{ John Thomas	S.
122	Monroe	Q. Salter	H. P.
123	Covington	{ Richard H. Jones*	H. P.
		{ Charles S. Caton*	K.
		{ Julius A. Nance*	S.
124	Bladon Springs	{ J. T. Doggett*	H. P.
		{ J. E. McLemore*	K.
125	Coleman	{ J. P. Melvin	H. P.
		{ J. F. Jenkins*	K.
		{ W. M. Mills*	S.
126	Tallassee	R. L. Harris	S.
127	Evergreen	{ H. A. Shields	H. P.
		{ Geo. W. Salter, Jr.	K.
		{ Joe A. Smith	S.
128	Heflin	W. G. Porter*	H. P.
129	James E. Cobb	{ J. Renfro Curry	H. P.
		{ William P. Cobb*	K.
130	Palmyra	Allan Todd*	H. P.
131	Cordova	{ G. S. Elliott	H. P.
		{ J. M. Miller	K.
132	Langdale	J. L. Hawkins	K.
134	Elba	C. S. Allred*	H. P.
135	Floralda	{ R. G. Hoover	H. P.
		{ W. B. Miller*	S.
136	Auburn	{ James T. Anderson	K.
		{ Samuel Adler*	S.

137	Samson	James W. Brooks*	H. P.
		Benj. J. Lewis	K.
		G. D. Gentry*	S.
138	Columbia	N. J. Oakley	H. P.
		W. C. Metcalf*	K.
		H. A. Ethridge*	S.
140	Hartselle	A. M. White*	H. P.
141	Castleberry	J. W. Thurmond	H. P.
		E. Downing, Jr.	K.
143	Cherokee	Thomas Bradford	H. P.
		J. W. O'Bryant*	K.
		M. C. Smith*	S.
143	Delta	A. R. Stephens*	H. P.
144	James Penn	E. H. West	H. P.

*Proxy.

(Number of Chapters represented, 63.)

OPENED.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in Ample Form.

Praper by the Right Excellent and Reverend Grand Chaplain.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, as follows:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

COMPANIONS:—I do not care to preface my address with a lot of polished platitudes.

The original diamond must be polished to sparkle. The brightest and best brains of the past have polished and re-polished the Ritual of Capitular Masonry until it is a gem of truth-teachings, as well as a masterpiece of rhetoric. Study it and you will learn more than from all the addresses we have ever written.

This has been an eventful year, in a worldly way; there have been storms, floods and revolutions, but withal, we have much to be thankful for. I need not recount the important events that have occurred—you are thoroughly familiar with them.

That my successor may not have to dig down into the depths of history, will put the usual reference to the number and say this is the 87th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama.

I have made no official visits, though quite a number of unofficial ones. If I, in any way, deserve the great honor you have conferred upon me by electing me Grand High Priest, it is for faithful services rendered the cause long before I was started in line of promotion. This can be verified by our Most Excellent and efficient Grand Secretary; and, if untiring and efficient services for the cause will be rewarded in the Grand Chapter above, he will get the brightest crown of the realm.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

As one would gently pluck a flower, our Heavenly Father reached out on August 7th and took from our midst our beloved Past Grand High Priest, William Wallace Screws.

He was not only a most loyal Mason, but a statesman, a churchman and a friend whose friendship every one who knew him valued as a treasure.

The usual circular sent out on the occasion of the death of a Grand or Past Grand Officer was mailed out on September 23rd, 1913, and is hereto attached and will become a part of the proceedings.

I will not read it now, it having been sent as stated to all the subordinate Chapters.

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA OFFICE OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Opelika, Alabama, September 23, 1913.

To the Officers and Members in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, and to all the Grand Chapters in Fraternal Correspondence:

COMPANIONS:—It becomes my painful duty to communicate to you officially the death of

M. E. WILLIAM WALLACE SCREWS.

Past Grand High Priest, which occurred at his country home in Coosada, Alabama, on the evening of Thursday, August 7th, 1913.

The funeral services were held on the afternoon of Saturday, August 9th, at five o'clock. The funeral cortege, under Knights Templar escort, proceeded to St. John's Episcopal Church, where the solemn ritual of the church was impressively read by the Rector, Reverend E. E. Cobbs. As the sun was sinking in the west the mortal remains of our beloved Companion were deposited in their last resting place, in Oakwood Cemetery.

Lives of great men truly remind us we can make our lives sublime.

Great men, when called from labor to refreshment, are not missed, in a certain sense. What they were has made such an impress on the lives of their contemporaries, and engraven so permanently on the pages of history their worth, their influence for good, is carried along as by tradition or read on history's page; and, in after years the truly great may be slightly over-rated.

To have reached the point of greatness that will stand the test of the present age or period—win the respect and admiration of both friend and foe in the daily struggle, means more than a reference to a possible few merits when time has seared over all memories of jealousies and rivalries.

In the death of our beloved Companion William Wallace Screws, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, such a character as has been suggestively described passed from the field of action to a glorious eternity. I do not write this formally—as one who knew our beloved companion by reputation, but as one who knew him closely, personally and by reputation.

William Wallace Screws was born the 25th of February, 1839, at Jernigan, then the county of Barbour, now Russell, the son of Benjamin Screws and Mrs. Mourning Jones Screws, both of Nash county, North Carolina.

His ancestors on both sides came from England. His maternal ancestors, the Drakes and Arringtons, settled in North Carolina, the Drakes coming from Massachusetts and the Arringtons from Virginia. His father's paternal ancestors were English, and his maternal from Virginia and North Carolina.

His early education was in the village of Glennville, then in Barbour, now Russell county, and he had no college education, leaving school at the age of sixteen with a fairly good record in Latin, Greek and English literature. In 1906 he received the degree of

Doctor of Laws, from the University of Alabama, at Tuscaloosa. He began the study of law in the office of Thomas H. Watts, Thomas J. Judge and J. F. Jackson, of Montgomery, one of the famous legal partnerships in the State at that time. He was admitted to the bar in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County June 15, 1859, and began the practice of his profession in Montgomery. In this he was most successful, and he continued at the bar until the outbreak of the War between the States, when he joined the Confederate army in March, 1862.

In this year he enlisted in Company A, Hilliard's Legion, First Battalion, and was appointed second lieutenant, and transferred to Company D, Second Battalion, which, when the legion was formed into regiments, became Company G, 59th Alabama. He saw service in Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia, and was captured at Sailor's Creek, Virginia, April 6, 1865, taken to Johnson's Island, Lake Erie, reaching there April 19th and released June 19th, 1865.

He became connected with The Montgomery Advertiser on July 20, 1865, and has been in active charge of the editorial page of this paper since that time.

He was Secretary of State of Alabama from December, 1878, to December, 1882, and postmaster of Montgomery from July 1, 1893, to November 15, 1897. He was a staunch Democrat.

In 1867, April 25th, he married Miss Frances Holt, at Montgomery, the daughter of William White Holt, and his wife, Mary Arinton Ware, who lived at Augusta, Ga. Her father, Judge Holt, was an officer in the war of 1812, first mayor of the city of Augusta, and was for many years Judge of the Superior Court of the Augusta Circuit.

He was a member of the Episcopal Church, St. John's, Montgomery, and was elected vestryman in April, 1886, Junior Warden in 1904, and Senior Warden in 1907. He was a member of every State council, with two exceptions, since 1885. He was a member of the standing committee since 1894, and a delegate to the general convention, Boston, 1904, Richmond, 1907, and Cincinnati, 1910.

He is survived by his wife, three sons and three grand children. His sons are William Wallace Screws, Jr., William Joseph Holt Screws and Benjamin Screws. Mrs. Elizabeth Walton Screws Pitts, his only daughter, died several years ago. His grand children are Richard Pitts, Wallace Pitts and Emily Pitts. In addition he is

survived by many nephews and nieces, all of this State, many of them living in Montgomery.

His Masonic history is as follows:

He was initiated September 20, 1870, passed October 14, 1870, and raised November 3, 1870, in Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 173, of Montgomery, Alabama. He served as Worshipful Master of said Lodge during the years 1886-1887.

He was exalted November 2, 1871, in Montgomery Chapter No. 22, of Montgomery, Alabama, and served as High Priest of said Chapter during the years 1881-1883.

Companion Screws' service in the Grand Chapter began in 1882, when he was elected Grand King. His election as Deputy Grand High Priest followed in 1883, and after two years in that station he was elected Grand High Priest in 1885, and re-elected in 1886.

He was Anointed, Consecrated and Set Apart to the Holy Order of Priesthood, December 7, 1881.

He was received and greeted January 5, 1872, in Montgomery Council No. 3, of Montgomery, Alabama, and served as Thrice Illustrious Master of said Council during the years 1883-1884.

He was Knighted March 21, 1872, in Montgomery Commandery No. 4, of Montgomery, Alabama, and served as Eminent Commander of said Commandery during the years 1887, 1888 and 1892.

History has recorded and historians will record the many other virtues and doings of our beloved Companion, and it will be an inspiration to those who read it to strive to nobler and higher things.

A poem written by some one by the name of Lyons, and published in The Cosmopolitan Magazine about the years 1893-4, called "Falling Leaves" most beautifully and fittingly expresses my sentiments, in the loss of our beloved and distinguished Past Grand High Priest, Major William Wallace Screws:

"I would that at death my soul might please
As they to the brown earth doth seem to pleasure these;
I would that my soul might as peacefully go
As they to sleep when falling soft and low.
And half-formed—no, *fully-formed*—wishes plead to-day
That I might live as fair and half as fair might die,
And at the feet of God as gently lie."

As a tribute to the memory of our deceased Companion, it is my order that this memorial be read in open Chapter at the first regular Convocation after its reception; that it be spread upon the Chapter book of records, and that the altar and jewels be draped in mourning for sixty days thereafter.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Chapter this 23d day of September, A. D., 1913, A. L., 2443.

JOHN B. LYONS,
Grand High Priest.

ATTEST:

GEO. A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

Many of our sister Grand Jurisdictions have been called upon to lament the taking away of companions who have stood high in their councils. To each we extend our sincere, fraternal sympathy in the loss sustained by them. Those who have been summoned to the Great Beyond are as follows:

M. E. Companion John M. Oathout, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas. Died June 20, 1913.

R. E. Companion C. L. Brown, Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas. Died July 13, 1913.

M. E. Companion William Vanderhurst, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of California. Died November 1, 1912.

M. E. Companion Henry Sayre Orme, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of California. Died November 29, 1912.

M. E. Companion Isaac Ferdinand Stidham, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. Died June 9, 1913.

M. E. Companion Samuel H. Benson, Jr., Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Delaware. Died July 18, 1913.

M. E. Companion Samuel W. Waddle, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois. Died February 1, 1913.

M. E. Companion John A. Ladd, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois. Died July 13, 1913.

M. E. Companion Henry G. Sandifer, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky. Died October 12, 1912.

M. E. Companion Charles E. Dunn, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky. Died September 25, 1913.

M. E. Companion Harry Bailey, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky. Died January 27, 1913.

M. E. Companion Edward T. Schultz, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, Honorary Grand High Priest and Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Maryland. Died March 11, 1913.

M. E. Companion William S. Turck, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. Died September 19, 1912.

M. E. Companion John F. Barrows, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. Died July 9, 1913.

M. E. Companion George Newell Houghton, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota. Died March 21, 1913.

M. E. Companion Tandy Allison Dunn, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Missouri. Died December 25, 1912.

M. E. Companion Gustave J. Bahin, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi. Died January 27, 1913.

R. E. Companion James Clement French, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi. Died March 19, 1913.

M. E. Companion Daniel Hotchkiss Wheeler, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. Died November 27, 1912.

M. E. Companion Levi Gilbert Bliss, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey. Died October 16, 1912.

E. Companion George Cox Maddock, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey. Died February 7, 1913.

M. E. Companion Thomas C. Cassidy, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York. Died August 11, 1913.

E. Companion Charles Christian Kneisly, Correspondent of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma. Died March 28, 1913.

M. E. Companion Seth Luen Pope, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Oregon. Died October 27, 1912.

M. E. Companion William A. Cleland, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Oregon. Died February 27, 1913.

M. E. Companion Francello George Jillson, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island. Died November 6, 1912.

R. E. Companion Albert Edward Fugle, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina. Died November 5, 1912.

R. E. Companion John Albert Bryan, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Died October 5, 1912.

M. E. Companion John McDonald, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Died September 3, 1913.

M. E. Companion Clarence R. Phillips, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Died September 10, 1913.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED.

On February 15th, 1913, I appointed Companion Carl W. Sperling, of Oak Harbor, Ohio, to represent the Grand Chapter of Alabama near the Grand Chapter of Ohio.

On March 7th, 1913, I appointed Companion J. M. Aldrich, of Moscow, Idaho, to represent the Grand Chapter of Alabama near the Grand Chapter of Idaho.

On October 23rd, 1913, I appointed Companion W. J. Phillips, of Fredericksburg, Virginia, to represent the Grand Chapter of Alabama near the Grand Chapter of Virginia, vice Companion Alfred Stith Lee, deceased.

DISPENSATIONS TO ELECT OFFICERS.

I issued dispensations to elect and install officers in the following instances, the Chapters having failed for various reasons, to elect at the statutory time:

June 13th, 1913, to Columbia Chapter No. 138.

June 17th, 1913, to Central Chapter No. 64.

July 2nd, 1913, to Heflin Chapter No. 128.

July 3rd, 1913, to Union Chapter No. 26.

July 3rd, 1913, to Camden Chapter No. 40.

July 12th, 1913, to James Penn Chapter No. 144.

July 31st, 1913, to Springville Chapter No. 88.

August 15th, 1913, to Auburn Chapter No. 136.

October 20th, 1913, to Graham Chapter 106.

DISPENSATIONS TO BALLOT OUT OF TIME AND CONFER DEGREES.

For apparently good and sufficient reasons, I issued dispensations to ballot out of statutory time and confer degrees to the following Chapters:

February 27th, 1913, to Piedmont Chapter No. 111.
April 10th, 1913, to Sylacauga Chapter No. 104.
April 11th, 1913, to Talladega Chapter No. 23.
April 17th, 1913, to Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1.
April 23rd, 1913, to Central Chapter No. 64.
May 21st, 1913, to St. John's Chapter No. 28.
May 26th, 1913, to Bessemer Chapter No. 110.
June 13th, 1913, to Columbia Chapter No. 138.
July 2nd, 1913, to Heflin Chapter No. 128.
July 12th, 1913, to James Penn Chapter No. 144.
July 21st, 1913, to Marion Chapter No. 12.
July 29th, 1913, to H. Clay Armstrong Chapter No. 114.
October 3rd, 1913, to Central Chapter No. 64.
October 13th, 1913, to Mobile Chapter No. 21.
October 15th, 1913, to Eufaula Chapter No. 24.

REMOVAL OF CHAPTERS.

On June 3, 1913, I authorized Bladon Springs Chapter No. 124, to change its location from Bladon Springs to Gilbertown.

On July 23rd, 1913, I granted dispensation to Coleanor Chapter No. 125 to change its location from Coleanor to Centreville, Alabama.

ELYTON CHAPTER NO. 76.

On May 6th, 1913, I commissioned Grand Secretary George A. Beauchamp to re-organize Elyton Chapter No. 76. He reports that he did so and was accorded many courtesies by the Companions. He predicts for that Chapter great things.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS HOME.

On May 19th, 1913, I sent to the several subordinate Chapters the following circular, appealing to the Companions for assistance for the Alabama Masonic Home, and I am informed that substantial donations were made by many of the Chapters.

OFFICE OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST
• GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.
John B. Lyons, Grand High Priest.

Opelika, Alabama, May 19, 1913.

*To the High Priests, Kings and Scribes of the Subordinate Chapters
of Alabama—*

COMPANIONS:—Charity is the keystone that binds the several parts of our Royal Arch into one perfect and complete whole, whereby the superstructure of Freemasonry is supported.

While we enjoy the companionship of the Craft, we also have our duty to our dead. Some of our Companions who have passed the Celestial Veils, leaving their widows and orphans to continue the journey through the desert of life, unaccompanied by their Principal Sojourner, have left to us the task of caring for their loved ones.

The Masonic Widows and Orphans Home, an institution of which we are justly proud, is but the first stone in the foundation of such an institution as we are beginning to need. The present age needs and the coming ages will more need, systematically conducted charitable institutions.

Conforming to a suggestion made by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, to make donations for the Home, on the occasion of the Annual Convocations in June, I would urge that each member of the Subordinate Chapters who is able to do so, make a donation. This is the cause of every true Mason and by each contributing even a small amount, the aggregate will do a great good.

Send all offerings to Companion Ben M. Jacobs, Birmingham, Alabama.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JOHN B. LYONS,
Grand High Priest.

Attest:

GEO. A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary.

BY-LAWS.

On March 5th, 1913, I approved the revised By-Laws of Mineral City Chapter No. 101.

APPEALS.

On April 4th, 1913, I received the following telegram:

Henderson, Kentucky, April 4, 1913.

John B. Lyons, Grand High Priest,
Opelika, Ala.

The suffering and want occasioned by the flood seems to demand assistance for our Companions and others. Send check for such amount as your Grand Chapter will contribute to John C. Worsham, Treasurer, Henderson, Ky. Grand High Priests, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri will distribute.

B. C. WITT,
Gen. Grand High Priest.

To the above I replied that, on account of a goodly portion of our State being swept by cyclone and flood, we would need to dispense all the Masonic funds at our command to our home-afflicted section.

CONCLUSION.

May heaven's richest blessings be with you in life, and when the Grand High Priest of Heaven and Earth shall have called you to the Great Beyond, may there be a suitable seat and crown to reward you for the faithful services rendered here.

Faternally submitted,

JOHN B. LYONS,
Grand High Priest.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion of R. E. Companion Stewart McQueen, the address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest was referred to a Committee composed of three Past Grand High Priests as follows: Francis H. Bates, Lew Lazarus and John B. Christian.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer, R. E. Companion John Wilson Terry, submitted the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

JOHN WILSON TERRY, Grand Treasurer,

In Account With

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

DR.

1912.		
Nov. 15.	To Balance.....	\$2,023.00
1913.		
Sept. 30.	Received from Grand Secretary.....	500.00
Nov. 7.	Received from Grand Secretary.....	200.00
Nov. 15.	Received from Grand Secretary.....	2,198.97

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By Grand Secretary, Contingent Fund.....	\$ 700.00	
Grand Secretary, Salary.....	900.00	
Grand Treasurer, Salary.....	100.00	
Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Salary	150.00	
Grand Sentinel, Salary.....	21.00	
Help for Grand Sentinel.....	4.00	
Grand Chaplain, Salary	25.00	
Grand Secretary, Issuing two Charters.....	20.00	
Donation to Masonic Home.....	500.00	
Books for library.....	34.20	
Two P. G. H. P. Jewels, Lawrence H. Lee and John B. Lyons.....	50.00	
Grand High Priest, Contingent Fund.....	100.00	
Book-cases for Library.....	22.00	
Balance	\$2,295.77	\$4,921.97

REPORTS OF GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary, M. . E. . Companion George A. Beauchamp, submitted the following reports, which were received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

I beg to submit the following reports for the year ending November 15, 1913:

CASH RECEIPTS.

DUES.

1913.

Nov. 15. Dues collected since last report.....\$2,836.50

CERTIFICATES.

Certificates have been issued to the following former members of defunct Chapters since last report:

1913.

Apr. 12.	J. W. Savage, Elyton, No. 76.....	No charge.
Apr. 12.	John T. Reed, Elyton, No. 76.....	No charge.
Apr. 12.	M. C. Watkins, Elyton No. 76.....	\$ 2.00
June 3.	John L. Snider, Enterprise, No. 133.....	1.50
June 28.	Thomas W. Dollar, Enterprise, No. 133.....	1.50
		\$5.00

RITUALS.

1913.

Nov. 15. Rituals sold since last report..... \$12.50

MANUALS.

1913.

Nov. 15. Manuals sold since last report..... \$26.25

DEFUNCT CHAPTERS.

1913.

May 6. Charter restored Elyton No. 76..... \$16.50

CONTINGENT FUND.

1913.

Nov. 15.	Amount not used.....	\$2.22
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RECAPITULATION.

1913.

Nov. 15.	Dues collected since last report.....	\$2,836.50	
Nov. 15.	Certificates issued since last report.....	5.00	
Nov. 15.	Rituals sold since last report.....	12.50	
Nov. 15.	Manuals sold since last report.....	26.25	
Nov. 15.	Charter restored Elyton Chapter No. 76	16.50	
Nov. 15.	Contingent Fund not used.....	2.22	\$2,898.97

1913.

Sept. 30.	Paid Grand Treasurer.....	\$ 500.00	
Nov. 7.	Paid Grand Treasurer.....	200.00	
Nov. 15.	Paid Grand Treasurer.....	2,198.97	\$2,898.97

No binding was done for the Grand Chapter this year, but the work will be resumed next year.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
Grand Secretary.

STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary.

In Account With

THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF
THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

1912.

Dec. 3.	To Contingent Fund.....	\$ 700.00
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1913.

Nov. 15.	By Printing and Stationery.....	\$ 448.30	
Nov. 15.	By Sundries.....	30.35	
Nov. 15.	By Postage, Express and Freight.....	135.87	
Nov. 15.	By Coal.....	45.50	
Nov. 15.	By Dues to General Grand Chapter.....	37.76	
Nov. 15.	By amount not used.....	2.22	\$700.00

SPECIAL REPORT ON RITUALS.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following report on rituals which was received and ordered printed in the proceedings.

To the M., E., Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

Since my last report I have disposed of Cipher Rituals as follows:

Nos. 162 and 163, James E. Cobb Chapter No. 129. Purchased and paid for.

Nos. 164, 165 and 166, Elyton Chapter No. 76. Purchased and paid for.

Nos. 167 to 300 inclusive, are on file in the vault of the Masonic Temple.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,

Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENCE.

E., Companion William Y. Titcomb, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted his Annual Report, which, on motion, was received and ordered printed with the proceedings. (See Appendix.)

REGRETS.

The Grand Secretary read a letter from E., Companion William L. Lee, Grand Master of the 1st Veil, conveying his regrets at his inability to be present at this Annual Convocation.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED.

The representatives of the Grand Chapters present were received and given a most hearty welcome by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, E., Companion William Y. Titcomb responding on behalf of the Grand Representatives.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK.

Most Excellent Companion George A. Beauchamp, Chairman of the Committee on Work, made report on the Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees.

UNION CHAPTER NO. 26.

Most Excellent Companion, John B. Christian, submitted the following resolution, and, on motion it was adopted:

Be It Resolved, That Union Chapter No. 26 be granted sixty days in which to pay its annual dues to this Grand Chapter.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

M. . E. . Companion John B. Christian, of the Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was adopted.

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee finds in the annual address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest many matters for congratulation. The subordinate Chapters are showing renewed energy and desire to advance in efficiency. There is still progress all along the line and increase in membership. We disapprove that portion of the Grand High Priest's address in which he approves the revised By-Laws of Mineral City Chapter No. 101. Your Committee think such should be referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANCIS H. BATES,

LEW LAZARUS,

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,

Committee.

WILLIAM WALLACE SCREWS.

Most Excellent Companion John B. Christian, offered the following preamble and resolution, and, on motion, the preamble was adopted and the resolution concurred in unanimously, by a rising vote:

There are objects, both in nature and in art, which always challenge and always defy accurate description. Often the colors and shapes of the evening clouds are so gorgeous and beautiful that neither the poet nor the painter can convey an adequate idea of their brilliancy and beauty. There are strains of exquisite music, which echo forever through the halls of memory, but which language can neither describe nor preserve. So there are characters so rich in fine qualities and so rare in their combination of them, that words utterly fail successfully to portray them. Such a character is the very fragrance of the soul itself, which the spirit may perceive, but which the brain cannot analyze and the lips can only praise. Of this class was the character of William Wallace Screws. Fidelity to friends and principles; truthfulness in all things, manliness, robust gentleness and knightly courtesy, were a few of his characteristics. And yet he was modest, unobtrusive and apparently unconscious of his manifold powers. For his excellences stood in him so silently they seemed to have stolen upon him without his knowledge. He was a gentleman of so many and such rare perfections that Sidney or even Lee would have loved to call him friend. Truly the death of such a character is irreparable to our Order, to his family and to the State that he loved so well;

Therefore, be it resolved, By the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama, that a spotless page, typical of his life and character, be dedicated to his memory, whereon shall be inscribed: "William Wallace Screws, without fear and without reproach."

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES R. BRICKEN,
BASIL M. HILL,
FRANCIS H. BATES,
ROBERT S. TEAGUE,
LEW LAZARUS,
JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
WILLIAM E. BINGHAM,
LAWRENCE H. LEE,
Past Grand High Priests.

AMENDMENT TO RULE 9 OF CONSTITUTIONAL RULES.

Most Excellent Companion Lawrence H. Lee, submitted the following resolution to amend Rule 9 of Constitutional Rules, and, on motion, it was adopted:

Be It Resolved, That Rule 9 of Constitutional Rules, page 180, Chapter Manual, be amended to read as follows:

(9) One balloting elects a candidate to all the degrees, but any Companion, a member of that Chapter, may by objection, made in open Chapter, prevent the advancement of any candidate, at any time previous to the candidate's receiving any one of the degrees, so long as the member objecting remains a member of that Chapter, or until such objection is withdrawn.

SPECIAL ORDER.

On motion, the further report of the Committee on Work was made a special order for seven thirty o'clock this evening.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSPECTION OF CHAPTERS.

Most Excellent Companion Lawrence H. Lee, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed at last Annual Convocation on Inspection of Chapters, submitted the following report, and, on motion, it was adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee appointed at the last Annual Convocation, in pursuance of a resolution then adopted to formulate some plan for visitation and inspection of the constituent Chapters, beg leave to report as follows:

(1) That the Grand Jurisdiction be divided into seven Chapter districts, for the purpose of visitation and inspection, such districts to be numbered from one to seven, inclusive.

(2) That the incoming Grand High Priest, and each succeeding Grand High Priest, designate one of the six ranking Grand Officers

of the line to visit and inspect a district, reserving one for himself.

(3) That the Grand Officer designated to the district shall visit each Chapter in such district, once in the year, before the Annual Convocation, and make report to the Grand High Priest as to the work, the records, the attendance, the paraphernalia and the general condition of each in his district, which report shall be made an exhibit to the annual address of the Grand High Priest, and be printed with the proceedings.

That such officer shall visit the several Chapters in his district at such time as may be mutually agreeable to him and the Chapter to be inspected; but in the event any Chapter shall fail or refuse to make such arrangements for a meeting for such purpose, such officer shall have the power, and it shall be his duty, to order a meeting of such Chapter for the purpose of inspection and visitation.

(4) That the actual expenses of each such visitation shall be paid out of the General Fund of the Grand Chapter on order of the Grand High Priest by warrant drawn by the Grand Secretary.

(5) That a committee be raised to arrange the districts herein provided for, to consist of the Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary, and two others to be appointed by the Grand High Priest.

Fraternally submitted,

LAWRENCE H. LEE,
WILLIAM E. BINGHAM,
ROBERT S. TEAGUE,
Committee.

TO AMEND SECTION 4, ARTICLE III OF THE BY-LAWS.

Excellent Companion George Pegram, offered the following resolution, and, on motion, it was referred to the Committee on By-Laws:

Be it resolved, By the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama, that section four (4) of Article three (3) of the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4. No dispensation shall be granted for the establishment of a new Chapter within five miles of any other Chapter, except it be in cities and towns with not less than one thousand inhabitants; and no Chapter shall be removed from the place where it is located, except upon a petition of a majority of the members of such Chapter, and a majority of this Grand Chapter assenting thereto.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Right Excellent Companion George A. Joiner, Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws, submitted the following report and, on motion, the report of the Committee was rejected and the resolution declared lost:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on By-Laws, to whom was referred the resolution of Excellent Companion George Pegram, to amend Section 4, Article III of the By-Laws, beg to report favorably thereon, and recommend its passage.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. JOINER,

JOHN H. McCORMICK,

Committee.

RITUALS FOR LECTURERS AND COMMITTEE ON WORK.

Right Excellent Companion Norman Gunn, offered the following resolution, and on motion, it was adopted:

Be it resolved, That each Grand Officer and each member of the Committee on Work shall be entitled, free of cost, during his term of office, one copy of the Ritual, same to be delivered to his successor in office.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

On account of the unavoidable absence of the Companions Basil M. Hill and James T. Mainor, members

of the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1, Companions Clarence L. C. Atkeson and Hartsford L. Ison, were appointed to serve on said Committee during this Annual Convocation.

On account of the unavoidable absence of Companions Robert L. Douglass, William E. Bingham, Edward S. Lyman and Q. Salter, members of the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2, Companion Woolsey Finnell, Jacob D. Bloch, John Moffett and Charles H. Tomlinson, were appointed to serve on said Committee during this Annual Convocation.

LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

After prayer by the Right Excellent and Reverend Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until seven thirty o'clock this evening.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

MONDAY EVENING, December 1, 1913.

The M. E. Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at seven thirty o'clock, the M. E. Grand High Priest, John B. Lyons, presiding, and the other Grand Officers at their respective stations.

Prayer by the right Excellent and Reverend Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORK.

Montgomery Chapter No. 22, notified the Grand Chapter that Brother Melvin A. Conn had been duly elected

to receive the several degrees of the Chapter by said Chapter; that the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master had been conferred upon him by said Chapter, and requested the Grand Chapter to confer the degree of Royal Arch upon this brother.

Elba Chapter No. 134, notified the Grand Chapter that Brother John Andrew Walker had been duly elected to receive the Capitular degrees by said Chapter; that the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master had been conferred upon him, and requested the Grand Chapter to confer the degree of Royal Arch upon this brother.

On motion, the Grand Chapter acceded to these requests.

The Committee on Work then proceeded to exemplify the work and conferred the degree of Royal Arch upon above named brethren, using one substitute to complete the trio.

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LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

After prayer by the Right Excellent and Reverend Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

*Note:—The Companions on whom this degree was conferred are *not* non-affiliated, but are members of the Chapters electing them to receive same.

IN GRAND CHAPTER.

TUESDAY MORNING, December 2, 1913.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor at nine o'clock, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, John B. Lyons, presiding, and the other Grand Officers at their respective stations.

Prayer by the Right Excellent and Reverend Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.

R. E. Companion Steward McQueen, Chairman of the Committee on Necrology, submitted the following report, and it was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

IN MEMORIAM.

WILLIAM WALLACE SCREWS.

BORN FEBRUARY 25, 1839—DIED AUGUST 7, 1913.

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

The subject of this simple memorial was born of English ancestry in Alabama, February 25, 1839, in Jernigan, Barbour (now Russell) County.

He received a good high school education, but was denied university or collegiate training.

Being admitted to the Bar in Montgomery county in 1859, he practiced law until his enlistment in the Confederate Army, March, 1862. He entered upon journalism in July, 1865, becoming editor of the Montgomery Advertiser, which position he filled and ably filled, for almost half a century. He was at one time Secretary of State.

(December, 1878 to December, 1882) and Postmaster of Montgomery from July 1, 1893, to November 15, 1897.

As a journalist, his reputation was, perhaps, quite as far reaching as that of Henry Watterson, the great Kentucky editor. His paper was one of the few great dailies, free, as a rule, from sensationalism, coarseness, or impurity.

In his disposition he was modest and unassuming, simple and unaffected. In his daily walk and conversation, he labored to do his duty faithfully according to the light and grace vouchsafed him. No man can do more than that. Nor can any higher tribute be paid any man. His strength lay in his gentleness, and the gentleness of a manly God-fearing and God-loving man, such as he was, is one of the mightiest forces for good in the universe. He was a truly lovable man, and one whose unfaltering faith in his Heavenly Father's love and goodness enabled him to bear the vicissitudes of life in the spirit of cheerfulness, good temper and patient, loving fortitude.

He has finished his course in faith. He rests from his labors. He partakes of the joy and felicity of Paradise we may be sure. In due time he will have his perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in God's eternal and everlasting glory.

Fraternally submitted,

STEWART McQUEEN,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

E. Companion Woolsey Finnell, of the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2, submitted the following report, and, on motion, it was adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

We, your Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 2, report as follows:

The returns for the following Chapters were sent to the Grand Secretary correct:

Mobile No. 21.	Blocton No. 109.
Talladega No. 23.	Piedmont No. 111.
Union No. 26.	Dothan No. 113.
Camden No. 40.	Jackson No. 119.
Dadeville No. 56.	Monroe No. 122.
Jefferson No. 81.	James E. Cobb No. 129.
Springville No. 88.	Samson No. 137.
Mineral City No. 101.	Tallassee No. 126.

The following returns have been corrected by notes of explanation sent the Grand Secretary by the local Secretaries since returns were made and are now correct:

Marion No. 12.	Langdale No. 132.
Clanton No. 116.	Evergreen No. 127.
Florala No. 135.	

The following Chapters have minor discrepancies, as noted in their returns:

Bladon Springs No. 124.—The surnames should be written first instead of given names.

Hartselle No. 140.—Return does not state why the names of B. F. Heflin, P. A. Oden and C. J. Walker were dropped from roster of members.

Cherokee No. 142.—Return does not show why M. L. Harris' name was dropped from roster, nor when Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master degrees were conferred on T. J. Davis; also reports Companion as being dead, yet shows name in roster of living members.

Eunomia No. 5.—Has no seal on return. Return not signed by High Priest or Secretary.

Hermon No. 34.—Return not signed by High Priest nor Secretary.

Central No. 64.—Return fails to show when and how E. M. Stewart became a member. Also fails to show from what Chapter Walter Tatum was dimitted to affiliate with Central No. 64.

Hilabee No. 79.—Return shows only initials of names of Companions instead of full names.

Graham No. 106.—Return not signed by Secretary.

James Penn No. 144.—No seal on return. Other errors corrected by note of explanation written by Secretary to Grand Secretary.

except the initials are used instead of full names in roster of members.

Your Committee would suggest that all Secretaries be urged to give full names, or at least one given name, in making returns in order that our records may be correctly kept.

Fraternally submitted,

WOOLSEY FINNELL,

CHARLES H. TOMLINSON,

JOHN MOFFETT,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

E. J. Companion Louis J. Wright, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, and, on motion, it was adopted:

To the M. J. E. J. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred the annual reports and books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined same and find them neatly and correctly kept.

The Grand Treasurer had on hand from last

report ----- \$2,023.00

Since that time he has receipted to the Grand

Secretary for ----- 2,898.97 \$4,921.97

The Grand Treasurer has vouchers for the following expenditures:

Grand Sentinel-----	\$	25.00
Contingent Fund-----		700.00
Book-cases for Library-----		22.00
Grand Secretary, Salary-----		900.00
Grand Treasurer, Salary-----		100.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Salary---		150.00
Purchasing Proceedings-----		34.20
P. G. H. P. Jewels-----		50.00

Donation to Masonic Home.....	500.00	
Grand Chaplain.....	25.00	
Contingent Fund, Grand High Priest.....	100.00	
Grand Secretary, Issuing Two Charters.....	20.00	\$2,623.20
Balance on hand and in bank.....		\$2,295.77
The Grand Secretary has collected and has on hand since		
his last settlement with the Grand Treasurer.....		\$1,293.00
Total cash on hand.....		\$3,588.77

We find the Grand Secretary has received the following amounts for the year ending November 15, 1913:

Dues collected.....	\$2,836.50	
Certificates issued.....	5.00	
Rituals sold.....	12.50	
Manuals sold.....	26.25	
Charter restored Elyton No. 76.....	16.50	
Contingent Fund not used.....	2.22	\$2,898.97

All of which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer as shown by proper vouchers.

STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT FUND.

DR.

Amount appropriated 1912 Convocation of the Grand	
Chapter	\$ 700.00

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By Printing and Stationery.....	\$ 448.30	
Sundries	30.35	
Postage, Express and Freight.....	135.87	
Coal	45.50	
Dues to General Grand Chapter.....	37.76	
Amount not used.....	2.22	\$700.00

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

Contingent Fund.....	\$ 700.00	
Grand Treasurer, payable quarterly.....	100.00	
Grand Secretary, payable monthly.....	900.00	
Committee on Foreign Correspondence, payable quarterly	150.00	
Grand Sentinel, to cover all expenses.....	25.00	
Library	75.00	
Grand Chaplain, Salary.....	25.00	
Donation to Masonic Home.....	500.00	
P. G. H. P. Jewel.....	25.00	
Contingent Fund, Grand High Priest.....	100.00	
George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association	100.00	\$2,700.00

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS J. WRIGHT,

FRANCIS H. BATES,

SAMUEL STEIN,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS.

M. . E. . Companion Walter Smith, Chairman of the Committee on Dispensations, submitted the following report, and, on motion, it was adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Dispensations respectfully report that nothing has been presented to them for consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER SMITH,

JOSEPH D. MATLOCK,

Committee.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Grand Officers with the following result:

ALBERT E. PACE.....	Grand High Priest.
NORMAN GUNN.....	Deputy Grand High Priest.
WILLIAM W. RANSOM.....	Grand King.
JOHN H. MCCORMICK.....	Grand Scribe.
JOHN WILSON TERRY.....	Grand Treasurer.
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.....	Grand Secretary.
STEWART McQUEEN.....	Grand Chaplain.
HENRY F. REESE.....	Grand Captain of the Host.

The Grand High Priest-elect subsequently appointed the following:

JOSEPH D. MATLOCK.....	Grand Principal Sojourner.
JOHN PHILIP MELVIN.....	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
PHILIP McRAE.....	Grand Master 3rd Veil.
WILLIAM L. LEE.....	Grand Master 2nd Veil.
ROBERT T. WARD.....	Grand Master 1st Veil.
WILLIAM H. COOPER.....	Grand Sentinel.

PROPOSITION TO AMEND SECTION 1, ARTICLE II, OF THE CONSTITUTION LOST.

Excellent Companion Woolsey Finnell, called up, and the Grand Chapter proceeded to consider his proposition offered at the last Annual Convocation, as follows:

Resolved—That Section 1, Article II, of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

“The officers of this Grand Chapter shall be as follows:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest.
Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest.
Right Excellent Grand King.
Right Excellent Grand Scribe.
Right Excellent Grand Treasurer.

Right Excellent Grand Secretary.
Right Excellent Grand Chaplain.
Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host.
Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner.
Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain.
Excellent Grand Master of the 3rd Veil.
Excellent Grand Master of the 2nd Veil.
Excellent Grand Master of the 1st Veil.
Excellent Grand Sentinel.

All of the above officers shall be chosen by ballot on the second day of each Annual Convocation.

The officers thus elected shall be duly installed as soon thereafter as practicable, and when so installed shall hold their offices respectively until their successors are duly elected and installed."

And the same failed to receive the approval of two-thirds of the Chartered Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction, as required by the Constitution.

Whereupon the M. E. Grand High Priest declared the proposed amendment defeated.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

Excellent Companion John Philip Melvin, Chairman of the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, submitted the following report and, on motion, it was adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances beg to report that nothing has been presented to them for consideration.

JOHN PHILIP MELVIN,
JULIAN F. SPEARMAN,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS No. 1.

Excellent Companion George Pegram of the Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1, submitted the following report, and, on motion, it was adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Chartered Chapters No. 1, beg leave to report that we find the reports of the following named Chapters correct:

Tuscaloosa No. 1.	Pratt City No. 108.
Tuscumbia No. 10.	Bessemer No. 110.
Montgomery No. 22.	Brewton No. 112.
Eufaula No. 24.	H. Clay Armstrong No. 114.
St. John's No. 28.	Jasper No. 118.
Decatur No. 38.	Covington No. 123.
Tyrian No. 54.	Cordova No. 131.
Land Mark No. 71.	Elba No. 134.
Coosa No. 86.	Columbia No. 138.
Roanoke No. 100.	Castleberry No. 141.
Anniston No. 105.	Millport No. 145.

We find the following to be incorrect, and state the reasons therefor:

Mt. Moriah No. 19. Not signed by High Priest, no seal attached and list of officers not complete, and name of P. S. not given.

Collinsville No 57. Amount of fees for degrees not stated.

Myles J. Green No. 80. Uses initials of members almost exclusively and does not list members numerically according to form furnished.

Ensley No. 120. No seal attached.

Coleanor No. 125. No seal attached.

Hellin No. 128. Amount remitted as fees due Grand Chapter is \$1.00 less than due.

Auburn No. 136. List of officers incomplete, masters of veils and sentinel omitted.

Delta No. 143. Names not alphabetically arranged.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE PEGRAM,
HARTSFORD L. ISON,
WILLIAM W. RANSOM,
CLARENCE L. C. ATKESON,
Committee.

PROPOSITION TO AMEND SECTION 5, ARTICLE IV OF THE
CONSTITUTION.

Excellent Companion Solomon D. Bloch offered the following resolution to amend Section 5, Article IV of the Constitution, and, on motion, the question was submitted to the Grand Chapter and the same failed to receive the approval of one-third of the members present.

Whereupon the Most Excellent Grand High Priest declared the resolution lost.

Be it resolved, That Section 5, Article IV of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word "Thirty," and inserting in lieu thereof "Twenty," making same read as follows: "No Chapter shall charge a less fee than twenty dollars for the Chapter Degrees, which fee must in all cases accompany the petition, and in no case shall credit be given, nor shall any part thereof be refunded to any candidate, unless his petition be rejected."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS
AND APPEALS.

E. . Companion Norman Gunn, Chairman of the Committee on Suspensions, Expulsion and Appeals, submitted the following report, and, on motion, it was adopted:

To the M. . E. . Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama:

Your Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals, beg leave to report that nothing has been presented to them for their consideration.

. Fraternally submitted,

NORMAN GUNN,

JACOB U. RAY,

WILLIAM P. COBB,

Committee.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers elected and appointed, with the exception of the Grand Master of the 2d Veil, who was

unavoidably absent, were then installed by Most Excellent Companion Lawrence H. Lee, Most Excellent Companion Robert S. Teague, acting as Grand Marshal.

On motion, the Grand High Priest was authorized to install Excellent Companion William L. Lee as Grand Master of the 2d Veil, in the Hall of Dothan Chapter, No. 113.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then announced the following Standing Committees:

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB.....Anniston.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

LAWRENCE H. LEE.....Montgomery.

CHARLES R. BRICKEN.....Luverne.

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN.....Uniontown.

ON FINANCE.

LOUIS J. WRIGHT.....Talladega.

FRANCIS H. BATES.....Hamburg.

SAMUEL STEIN.....Bessemer.

ON WORK.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP.....Montgomery.

ROBERT S. TEAGUE.....Montgomery.

LAWRENCE H. LEE.....Montgomery.

WELLBORN J. RENFROE.....Dothan.

WILLIAM W. RANSOM.....Birmingham.

JOSEPH D. MATLOCK.....Birmingham.

JACOB BLEY.....Demopolis.

JOHN B. BETHEA.....Birmingham.

ROBERT T. WARD.....Dadeville.

ON BY-LAWS.

GEORGE A. JOINER	Talladega.
HENRY B. MYERS	Gadsden.
CHARLES H. TOMLINSON	Anniston.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 1.

BASIL M. HILL	Springville.
GEORGE PEGRAM	Faunsdale.
PHILIP MCRAE	Montgomery.
SETH MABRY	Eufaula.

ON CHARTERED CHAPTERS NO. 2.

ROBERT L. DOUGLASS	Mobile.
Q. SALTER	Monroeville.
WOOLSEY FINNELL	Tuscaloosa.
CLARENCE L. C. ATKESON	Columbia.

ON DISPENSATIONS.

WALTER SMITH	Tuscaloosa.
JOSEPH D. MATLOCK	Birmingham.
JOHN MOFFETT	Selma.

ON NECROLOGY.

STEWART McQUEEN	Montgomery.
LEONIDAS W. KOLB	Ozark.
HORACE J. SALTER	Elyton.

ON PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

JOHN PHILIP MELVIN	Tuscaloosa.
JULIAN F. SPEARMAN	Anniston.
JAMES L. KENDALL	Huntsville.

ON SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS AND APPEALS

JACOB U. RAY	Woodstock.
WILLIAM E. BINGHAM	Tuscaloosa.
WILLIAM P. COBB	Tuskegee.

PRESENTATION OF JEWELS.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest presented Past Grand High Priests Lawrence H. Lee and John B. Lyons with Past Grand High Priest Jewels, in accordance with the resolutions adopted at last Annual Convocation, assuring them of the love and respect of their Companions of the Grand Chapter, to which they replied in a most feeling, eloquent and fraternal manner, and expressed to the Grand Chapter their sincere thanks.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest appointed Most Excellent Companion Lawrence H. Lee and Excellent Companion John B. Bethea, members of the Special Committee, to arrange the districts provided for in report of Committee on Inspection of Chapters, adopted at this Annual Convocation.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was authorized to print the list of Chapters by districts as agreed upon by said Committee.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL
ASSOCIATION.

Right Excellent Companion John H. McCormick, offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Be it resolved, That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama, become a member of the Roll of Honor of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Be it further resolved, That an appropriation of one hundred dollars be made for this purpose, and that the Committee on Finance be instructed to amend its report so as to provide for this expenditure.

Be it further resolved, That this Grand Chapter send two delegates to each annual meeting of the said George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, consisting of the Grand High Priest and one other to be appointed by him, their actual expenses in attending such meetings to be paid by this Grand Chapter, and that they be instructed to enroll the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama as a permanent member of the organization at its coming meeting in February, 1914.

MINUTES READ.

There being no further business to come before the Grand Chapter, the minutes were read and approved.

CLOSED.

After solemn prayer to the Throne of Grace, by the Right Excellent and Reverend Grand Chaplain, the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama was closed in Ample Form.

Geo. A. Deaveland Jr.
Grand Secretary



PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Council of Anointed High Priests
OF THE
STATE OF ALABAMA

The Forty-Second Annual Convocation of the Council of Anointed High Priests of the State of Alabama was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Montgomery, at 11:30 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, December 2d, 1913, with the following officers and members present:

OFFICERS.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP	M. E. President.
WOOLSEY FINNELL	E. Vice-President.
WILLIAM E. BINGHAM	E. Chaplain.
PHILIP McRAE	E. Treasurer.
BASIL M. HILL	E. Recorder.
CHARLES H. TOMLINSON	as E. Master of Ceremonies.
WILLIAM W. RANSOM	E. Conductor.
JOSEPH D. MATLOCK	E. Herald.
JOHN WILSON TERRY	E. Steward.

MEMBERS.

Francis H. Bates	Past Grand High Priest.
Robert S. Teague	Past Grand High Priest.
Lawrence H. Lee	Past Grand High Priest.
John B. Lyons	Past Grand High Priest.

Frank W. Meeds.....	Tuscaloosa Chapter No. 1.
Augustus F. Evans.....	Eumonia Chapters No. 5.
James L. Kendall.....	Eunomia Chapter No. 5.
Archibald L. R. Thompson.....	Montgomery Chapter No. 22.
Louis J. Wright.....	Talladega Chapter No. 23.
F. T. Saywell.....	Decatur Chapter No. 38.
Leonidas W. Kolb.....	Landmark Chapter No. 71.
Charles H. Tomlinson.....	Anniston Chapter No. 105.
William Walter Perry.....	Blocton Chapter No. 109.
Oscar M. Murphy.....	Dothan Chapter No. 113.
Q. Salter.....	Monroe Chapter No. 122.
John F. Jenkins.....	Coleanor Chapter No. 125.
John Philip Melvin.....	Coleanor Chapter No. 125.
William P. Cobb.....	James E. Cobb Chapter No. 129.

The Council was opened in Ample Form.

The Recorder then presented and read the petitions for the Order of High Priesthood, from the following eleven Companions, which were, on motion, referred to a Committee of three for investigation:

Stuart E. Washburn.....	Montgomery Chapter No. 22.
Horace J. Salter.....	Elyton Chapter No. 76.
John W. Hooper.....	Roanoke Chapter No. 100.
John Biddle.....	Mineral City Chapter No. 101.
David R. Murphey.....	Anniston Chapter No. 105.
Frank A. Gamble.....	Jasper Chapter No. 118.
George W. Salter.....	Evergreen Chapter No. 127.
Green S. Elliott.....	Cordova Chapter No. 131.
Charles S. Allred.....	Elba Chapter No. 134.
Nathaniel J. Oakley.....	Columbia Chapter No. 138.
Ernest H. West.....	James Penn Chapter No. 144.

The Committee, after investigation having reported, a ballot was had, and each and all of the above petitioners declared elected.

All of the eleven candidates being present, they were separately admitted, anointed, solemnly consecrated

and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood in due and ample form.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Council then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

George A. Beauchamp	M. E. President.
Woolsey Finnell	E. Vice-President.
William E. Bingham	E. Chaplain.
Philip McRae	E. Treasurer.
Basil M. Hill	E. Recorder.
William W. Ransom	E. Master of Ceremonies.
Joseph D. Matlock	E. Conductor.
Stuart E. Washburn	E. Herald.
John Philip Melvin	E. Steward.
William H. Cooper	E. Sentinel.

MINUTES READ.

There being no further business to be brought before the Council, the minutes were read and approved.

CLOSED.

And then, after solemn prayer to the Throne of Grace, by the Excellent Chaplain, the Forty-second Annual Convocation of the Council of Anointed High Priests of the State of Alabama was closed in Ample Form.

Attest:

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
President.

BASIL M. HILL, Recorder.

APPENDIX

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

BY

WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB.

*To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of
Alabama:*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully and fraternally submits the following report:

The Grand Chapters reviewed are as follows:

Arizona	1913	New Jersey	1913
Arkansas	1912	New Mexico	1912
California	1913	New South Wales	1912
Canada	1913	New South Wales, (Grand	
Colorado	1912	Lodge Mark Master Ma-	
Connecticut	1913	sons, May	1912
Delaware	1913	New York	1913
District of Columbia	1912, 1913	New Zealand	1913
England	1912, 1913	North Carolina	1913
England and Wales (Grand		North Dakota	1913
Lodge Mark Master Ma-		Nova Scotia	1912
sons)	1912, 1913	Ohio	1912
Florida	1913	Oklahoma	1913
Georgia	1913	Oregon	1913
Idaho	1913	Pennsylvania	1912
Illinois	1912	Quebec	1912, 1913
Indiana	1912	Rhode Island	1912
Iowa	1912	Scotland	1912
Kansas	1913	South Carolina	1913
Kentucky	1912	South Dakota	1912, 1913
Louisiana	1913	Tennessee	1913
Maine	1913	Texas	1912
Maryland	1912	Utah	1912, 1913
Massachusetts	1912	Vermont	1913
Michigan	1913	Victoria	1911, 1912
Minnesota	1912	Virginia	1912
Mississippi	1913	Washington	1912
Missouri	1913	Western Australia	1912
Montana	1911, 1912	West Virginia	1912
Nebraska	1912	Wisconsin	1913
Nevada	1912	Wyoming	1913
New Brunswick	1912	General Grand Chapter 1909, 1912	
New Hampshire	1912		

ARIZONA.

23RD ANNUAL—BISBEE—FEBRUARY, 1913.

Chartered Chapters, 9. Members, 713. Net gain, 18.

Comp. George Henry N. Luhrs, M. E., Grand High Priest.

According to report of Credentials Committee, Alabama's Representative was not present at this Convocation.

The address of the G. H. P. was very short, very few matters having claimed his attention—the fraternal dead, at home and abroad, were not forgotten. He had nominated a few Grand Representatives; had issued dispensations for holding election at regular meeting December 27th.

Here is the M. E.'s brief, modest "Conclusion":

"In surrendering to you this emblem of authority, I thank you for the honor you conferred upon me in electing me to this high office. I also wish to thank our R. E., Grand Secretary, George J. Roskrue, for his assistance, which he is at all times ready to render. Also do I extend thanks to my Companions in office for their co-operation, and now in again taking my seat amongst the Companions, I assure you that I will always be ready to work for the advancement of the Order.

Faternally yours,

GEORGE H. N. LUHRS,
Grand High Priest."

The Grand Treasurer had cash on hand to the amount of \$1,110.84.

Grand Secretary George J. Roskrue, in his well prepared report, tosses a sweet-smelling bouquet to the subordinate Chapters, thus:

"The Annual Returns were received in good time, and as usual, correctly and neatly made out."

M. E., Comp. Goldwater reported from the Correspondence Committee recommending that the appointment of certain Grand Representatives be approved. The Committee states that, for reasons of economy, no Report on Correspondence has been prepared.

The Committee is pleased at its ability to report that peace prevails among the workmen, and prosperity is everywhere evident.

The report of the Committee on Necrology was most appropriate.

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended that the action of the G. H. P. in granting a special dispensation to a certain Chapter

be confirmed and approved. The report of the Committee was received and adopted.

The customary P. G. H. P.'s jewel was presented to the retiring G. H. P. The speech of presentation was quite eloquent; the response was made in a "few well-chosen words."

The several Committees having reported, Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form.

Comp. Harry H. Hughart, M.°, E.°, Grand High Priest.

Comp. Geo. J. Roskrugs, R.°, E.°, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

63D ANNUAL—LITTLE ROCK—NOVEMBER, 1912.

Companion John M. Oathout, M.°, E.°, Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters, 84. U. D., 1. Members, 4,213. Gain not recorded.

This well-printed volume comes embellished with portraits of three P. G. H. P.'s.

It is a pleasure to note that Alabama's Representative, Companion Harris was present at the Convocation under review.

The address of the Grand High Priest was short—about six pages. He had granted one dispensation for organizing a new Chapter.

For good reasons he had arrested the Charters of three Chapters.

He reported only one decision, based on a question as to the legality of the reinstatement, by a majority vote, of a Companion who had been unaffiliated for ten years, all members present except one, voting for said reinstatement, the Companion paying one year's dues.

The answer was as follows:

"Answer: A Companion suspended merely for non-payment of dues would be restored upon the payment of the amount for which he was suspended, together with the dues he would have been chargeable with to the time of making payment, without any action of the Chapter had thereon. The Chapter had the right to donate a part or all of his dues, by a majority vote, and by this vote having forgiven the Companion of all except one year's dues, upon payment of that the Companion would be restored. Yes, the reinstatement was legal."

The M. E. disposes of the subject of "Visitations" in a couple of lines, stating that he had visited many Chapters, and had been received everywhere with cordiality and kindness.

His three recommendations were as follows:

"1. That no Chapter shall exalt a candidate to the Royal Arch degree until he has selected and recorded 'his Mark' in the Lodge book of Marks."

"2. That certificates of dismissal from Chapters in this Jurisdiction shall contain a full description of the Companion's mark, and no Companion shall be affiliated until he has furnished the Secretary of the affiliating Chapter with a description of his mark for record after his admission."

"3. That the commission of all Representatives of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Sister Grand Jurisdictions, expire at the date fixed for the convening of the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, next after his appointment.

He was delighted with his visit to the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter at Indianapolis, and in that connection highly compliments his three companions—Fay Hempstead, Bone and McCrary.

The following resolution was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee:

"Resolved, That hereafter, when any Grand Representative of a Sister Grand Jurisdiction near this Grand Chapter, shall fail to attend and perform the duties of his office at the annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter for two consecutive years without being excused by this Grand Chapter, it shall be the duty of the Grand High Priest to request the Sister Grand Chapter for whom the Grand Representative was appointed to permit the recommendation of another Representative for that Grand Chapter."

That's right, Companion Whipple, give it to them. You'll never strike amiss, unless you miss them.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, a Charter was granted to the Chapter U. D.

From the Jurisprudence Committee's report we extract as follows:

"As to recommendations of the Grand High Priest, instead of No. 1, we recommend the adoption of the following:

"The Secretary of each subordinate Chapter, in reporting exaltations occurring three months or more prior to the meeting of the Grand Chapter, shall state whether each Companion so exalted has recorded his mark.

The Grand Secretary shall immediately notify any Companion delinquent in this Jurisdiction that unless his mark shall have been

properly recorded within thirty days he shall be subject to discipline by his subordinate Chapter."

Recommendation No. 2 is not approved.

Recommendation No. 3 is approved, and we recommend its adoption.

We approve his decision as to reinstatement of a Companion upon payment of a part only of the dues for which he was suspended. Each Chapter is empowered to take such action in cases of the kind as they may see fit.

The resolution presented by Comp. Whipple is not approved. The subject is one which the Grand High Priest is empowered to regulate, if he sees fit, by exercising his prerogative to make nominations for Grand Representatives at any time, under our present usages."

We agree with the Committee as to No. 2. Too much "red-tape" in No. 2.

As to Companion Whipple's resolution, we do not concur with the Committee.

The presiding officer has power enough already. Don't clothe him with excessive authority.

No, Companion, we are not a crank as regards centralization of power.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Companion Gordon Huffmaster.

This is Companion Huffmaster's first appearance at the "Round Table," and right welcome is he to a seat with the knights of the quill.

Alabama, 1911, is courteously and fraternally treated in a brief notice of our convocation.

That was a very, very handsome compliment Companion Huffmaster paid the writer when calling the latter's report the work of a "Masterhand," and saying that the writer "combines the vigor of youth with the wisdom of age."

We are grateful to Companion Huffmaster for his good opinion, but with all our conceit, cannot think otherwise than that he is mistaken.

"In our peregrinations for the year A. I. 2442, we have gathered a few trophies esteemed worthy of preservation. Along the cool, rippling streams of peaceful tranquillity we have gathered some

pearls of thought worthy a place amid the sparkling gems of the woven tapestries of memory; amid the verdant fields of harmonious fruitfulness we have plucked a few seeds of good fellowship and brotherly love that you may transplant in the gardens of your soul, to be watered by the tears of joy and cultivated by that dispensing hand of unselfish charity 'that vaunteth not itself.' These we present to you."

Companion Robert Liddell, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Companion John C. Bone, R. E., Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

59TH ANNUAL—SAN FRANCISCO—APRIL, 1913.

Number of Chapters working and making returns, 101. Number of Royal Arch Masons, 12,692. Net gain, 391.

Grand Chapter convened Tuesday, April 15th, R. E., D. G. H. P. William W. Lyman, presiding, who read the following telegram from the G. H. P.:

"Impossible to be present at Grand Chapter Tuesday. Will be there Wednesday morning. Will you kindly open?"

Grand Chapter was then opened in Due Form.

The Credentials Committee reported all the Grand Officers present except the Grand High Priest, also thirty Grand Representatives, including Alabama's. Fourteen P. G. H. P.'s, 116 P. H. P.'s and the Representatives of 92 out of the 101 Chapters on the roll.

Grand Secretary Wm. A. Davies made—as he does always—a thoroughly reliable report of the affairs of Grand Chapter.

From the Grand Treasurer's report it is seen that the cash on deposit was \$13,956.16. Masonic Temple stock, \$55,000.00. Total, \$68,956.16. This less \$2,000.00 being sent East left \$66,956.16 in the Treasury.

The Grand Lecturer's report, giving details of his year's work, covers eight and one-half pages.

On the afternoon of the first day, the Special Committee on "New Constitution" made report, and recommended the adoption of the revised Constitution, whereupon the Jurisprudence Committee offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the revised Constitution of the Grand Chapter, the Uniform Code of By-Laws, Rules of Order, and Forms, as submitted at this Convocation, be and they are hereby adopted; that the regulations therein contained be and they are hereby adopted; and that all former Constitutions and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, whether consistent therewith or not, be and they are hereby repealed."

Unanimously adopted.

According to promise, the G. H. P. was present the second day and read his address.

One new Chapter had been constituted; eleven dispensations had been granted, and some By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws of Chapters approved. The address was concise, yet comprehensive.

Among his appointments of Representatives, we note that he had appointed Comp. Basil M. Hill as his diplomat near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

He informs us that the invitation of the California Grand Chapter, that the General Grand Chapter hold its 36th Triennial at San Francisco, was unanimously accepted.

We note that in the new Constitution honorary membership is not permitted.

The several visitations made by the G. H. P. were very pleasant, and doubtless very profitable to the Chapters visited.

The M. E. had corresponded with those Jurisdictions which had suffered from the recent appalling disaster occasioned by flood and fire.

The following extract shows Freemasonry in its proper light:

"On receipt of the news of the appalling disaster caused by flood and fire in the East, I immediately telegraphed our Grand Secretary to wire messages of sympathy and offering assistance to the states affected. Also to wire at once one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to the Grand Chapter of Ohio, for relief purposes; and, later on, learning further of the conditions existing in Ohio and Kentucky, had our Grand Secretary forward an additional one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to Ohio and also one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to Kentucky. The following acknowledgments have been received from the Grand Chapters of Illinois, Ohio and Kentucky, with others of similar import from Indiana and Missouri."

From the Conclusion of the address we take the following:

"A short time ago I read in the paper a synopsis of an address delivered by one of the most prominent men in the United States today—our present Vice-President and Past Grand High Priest of

the Grand Chapter of Indiana—which seems to me to express more forcibly than any language I might use something of the idea of things as they are at this time, and I quote therefrom:

‘Present advantage shuts our eyes to the permanency of our institutions. Not what we are nor what we stand for, but what we can make, has come to be the measure of governmental duty and individual conduct. And yet, despite this theory of life, Karl Marx and hunger and a longing for happiness are abroad in the land. Along with general prosperity has come a marvelous piling up of colossal private fortunes. The piling up of colossal fortunes, supplemented by a general diffusion of knowledge, has made large bodies of people restive.’”

The report of the Committee on Reports of Grand Officers was throughout commendatory.

On recommendation of the Committee on New Chapters, Charters were granted to three Chapters U. D.

From the report of Committee on New Temple, it appears that the total subscription to April 1, 1913, amounted to \$708,170.00. Total paid to April 1, 1913, amounted to \$546,641.99. We suppose our California Companions will return to housekeeping in fine style.

The Committee on Grievances was “out of a job.”

The Committee on Jurisprudence had but little before it for consideration.

The Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected twenty-eight eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by that most worthy and competent Companion, William A. Davies, in a review covering a little over one hundred pages.

Alabama, 1912, receives courteous notice—two and one-fourth pages.

M. E. Comp Lawrence H. Lee is complimented by a good-sized quotation from his address.

Our proceedings are briefly and judiciously summarized, and the writer is favored with a couple of lines of reference to the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Comp. Davies devotes his review of Canada, almost exclusively, to the excellent address of the Grand Z., and to the well-penned report of Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, quoting nearly two solid pages

from the former's address, and two-thirds of a page from Comp. Bennett's report.

He compliments the G. H. P. of Georgia by appropriating bodily his pertinent "Conclusion."

Without the Georgian knowing about of our design, we give our readers Comp. Davies' *own* "Conclusion":

"Our report is finished. We commit this review to the tender mercies of those of our Companions who have the inclination and time at their disposal to read it. Hoping that some portion, at least, will prove interesting, and that as a whole it may receive their favorable consideration. In our endeavor to confine our matter within a reasonable page limit, many a gem of thought and beautiful sentiment has been passed—not overlooked, we assure our Companion Correspondents. And now, Companions, we thank you all sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy conveyed to us through the Correspondence Reports. We appreciate thoroughly the fraternal spirit which prompted them, and in return would say to you all, prosperity and happiness be your portion for evermore."

Comp. Wm. W. Lyman, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Wm. A. Davies, R. E., Grand Secretary.

CANADA.

55TH ANNUAL—TORONTO—FEBRUARY, 1913.

Number of Chapters, 162. Membership, 16,983. Net gain for the year, 1,247.

Comp. F. W. Harcourt, M. E., Grand Z.

Such had been the peace and harmony during the year that no appeals had been taken to Grand Chapter; so the Committee on Grievances and Appeals had nothing more serious to do than to "bow and scrape" and shake hands.

The Grand First Principal had been called on for very few rulings. We excerpt one of them:

"I held that a dimitted Craft Mason was eligible as a candidate for membership, but that a Brother who had lost his right hand was not."

In Alabama to gain membership in the Chapter, a Brother must hold membership in the Blue Lodge.

The Grand Z.'s narrative of his visit to "the States" is so pleasantly told and manifests such genuine patriotism that we extract it bodily; furthermore, it is promotive of good feeling between the two countries.

Listen:

"A PLEASING INCIDENT."

"When I accompanied The Hamilton Chapter on a visit to Keystone Chapter at Buffalo, in December last, I had the honor of meeting M. E. Comp. Marshall P. Hemingway, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York. This resulted in my attending the 116th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New York at Albany on the 4th inst., as the guest of that Grand Chapter. I was in Albany about sixteen hours, and during that time I had only one meal, but it, with its adjuncts minor and major, covered nearly eight hours. The Convocation was a most interesting one, the attendance very large, and all the members took a deep interest in the proceedings. Large sums were voted for sweet charity. I also had the honor of meeting M. E. Comp. Bernard G. Witt, the General Grand High Priest of the United States. He is a pleasing speaker, an attractive personality, and after meeting him I could quite understand his occupying the exalted position he ably fills.

HOSPITABLY RECEIVED.

Your representative received great attention while in Albany, and our American Companions evinced deep interest in Canadian Masonry. I think we do not fraternize with our American Companions as much as we should. It is our duty as citizens to assist in strengthening the friendly ties, fraternal and otherwise, which bind us to our strong and hospitable neighbor. With them we have much in common.

No more striking chapter in all modern history is recounted than the story of a long century of unbroken peace existing between these two great countries, the United States and Canada. Their only rivalries have been those of peace. Their long boundary lines, stretching over thousands of miles, have for all that time been undisturbed and without patrol. History, we are proud to say, furnishes no parallel."

The reports of the twenty-three District Grand Superintendents are so complete that they form a very important portion of this volume. The tabulated statements are very full of information.

On recommendation of the Executive Committee, grants were made to widows and children and Companions—mostly to widows—of \$1,600.00.

On recommendation of the Committee on Warrants, Charters were granted to three Chapters U. D.

The Committee on the Grand Z.'s address approved his rulings and all his official acts.

The Committee was of the opinion that the ties of Masonic Brotherhood had constituted an important agency in preserving international amity, which, as respects Canada and the United States, has remained unbroken for a hundred years—without a parallel, is it not?

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is, as we are pleased to note, again presented by Companion George J. Bennett—his eighteenth—and it is conspicuous, not only for its fine literary quality, but also for its merit as a production full of thought.

After his well-penned introduction, Companion Bennett opens his review of Alabama, 1911, with a fine and deserved tribute to the memory of our late beloved Grand Treasurer, William H. Dingley.

Our intimacy with Companion Dingley effected ever-growing respect and regard.

In his reference to M. E., William E. Bingham's address, among other things, Companion Bennett refers to the decision sustaining an objection to advancement until the objection is withdrawn, and says:

"One would imagine that if the objection were recognized its nature should be made known to the members of the Chapter Council, and if considered well based, further procedure, determined by them, should follow, either by sustaining the objection or putting the matter to trial. To hold an individual's unexplained objection over the head of an otherwise innocent aspirant, for a possible undefined period, is, to say the least, giving to that individual an advantage which deprives the act of any virtue possessing even remote relationship to anything resembling the professions we are so proud to claim as Masons."

It is true that we have known of cases in which, no doubt, the objection was not well based, and have found in our heart the wish that the objection might be overruled; still, as it is needless to remind Companion Bennett, the right of objection is a sacred right; the objector may withhold or communicate at his will, any explanations.

We quote Companion Bennett's concluding paragraphs:

"He is inclined to regard our own approving expressions of his work as flattering. We beg to assure him that if he paused to praise, it was done in all sincerity, for although we have frequently inhaled the healthy atmosphere of "The groves of Blarney" we have always hesitated to imperil a valuable neck by impressing a chaste salute on the "gifted stone." We venture to pray that Companion Titcomb's recovery will be speedy and lasting.

He refers briefly to the difference in our respective views on the matter of compulsory membership. We would be in agreement were the modern method applied to any of the numerous imitative organizations which have to rely on such expedients. In Masonry, however, it is one of the "progressive" innovations, no doubt introduced from one or other of those present day ephemeral growths, and, placed alongside Masonic tenets and teachings, is a hideous misfit."

Comp. Daniel F. Macwatt, M. E., Grand Z.

Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, R. E., Grand Scribe E.

COLORADO.

38TH ANNUAL—DENVER—SEPTEMBER, 1912.

Chartered Chapters, 42. Members, 4,779. U. D., 4. Net gain, 69.

Comp. Frank L. Bishop, D. G. H. P., Acting Grand High Priest.

Comp. Heiskell, our Representative, we are glad to see, was present at the Convocation under review.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. John Q. MacDonald, having been compelled by business matters to absent himself from the State of Colorado for an indefinite time, his duties devolved upon the Deputy Grand High Priest, Comp. Frank Lee Bishop, who first read so much of an address as had been prepared by M. E. Comp. MacDonald and then submitted his own address as Acting Grand High Priest.

From the reading of M. E. Comp. MacDonald's deliverance, it is learned that he had constituted one Chapter, that he had made six official visits; that he had granted a dispensation to form one new Chapter; that he had granted two special dispensations—both strictly within his authority; that he had been accorded permission to have degree work done by courtesy and that he had complied with similar requests from another Grand Jurisdiction.

The M. E. Companion had granted one special dispensation to elect and install an officer at a stated Convocation, and had issued two dispensations to form new Chapters.

His visitations were few but pleasant and, no doubt, profitable.

Briefly recounting the incidents of his visit to the General Grand Chapter, he warmly expressed his sympathy with his chief who had hoped to attend, but whose absence from his State had kept him from attending said Triennial.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash on hand was \$5,273.30.

Grand Secretary Charles H. Jacobson submitted his financial report, which evinces the greatest care and painstaking on his part.

Comp. Ernest Le Neve Foster presented his Annual Report, which was received and ordered printed with the proceedings.

In the report of the Jurisprudence Committee we find the following:

"To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred those parts of the addresses of the Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest, relative to special dispensations, approval of By-Laws, degrees conferred by request and decisions, recommend that they be approved."

On Comp. Foster's recommendation, the Grand Chapter of Utah was accorded fraternal recognition.

The Grand Council—Order of High Priesthood—elected twenty-one eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence is, as we are glad to note, from the hand of our esteemed contemporary, M. E. Comp. Ernest Le Neve Foster, who reviews the proceedings of fifty-one Grand Chapters, four of them for two years.

Companion Foster needs no praise from us; his work speaks for itself.

Alabama, 1911, is kindly treated; our transactions are judiciously summarized and the writer is laid under obligations for generous comment.

Our home readers will be interested in what he says concerning their servant, the writer:

"As usual, we found E. Comp. William Y. Titcomb at the helm, when the Correspondence Report was reached. It is one of those reports in which there is always good meat. Forty-three Chapters passed under his careful eye, but we are sorry to read this at the outset:

'For the shortcomings and deficiencies of this report, your indulgence is craved because of the fact that the writer having begun reviewing Grand Chapters, was attacked by sickness, which was supplemented by several weeks' confinement in a hospital, where, on his back, he could do no work but only fret because of the long interruption.'

We congratulate ourselves, however, that he is still with us and only say don't do it again for we need you here and hospital experiences often end disastrously.

The action of California requiring a petition for the Council to accompany each petition for the Royal Arch Chapter Degrees evidently does not meet his approval, for he says:

'We should have to put that proposition in our pipe and smoke it before giving it our unqualified assent.'

Comp. Foster disagrees with us as to display of "old glory" in the Lodge.

Hear him:

"We believe in patriotism and believe it can not be too strongly instilled into the hearts of the young or too often called to the attention of the citizen. Tave our own case, born and trained on the tight little island, imbued with its history and traditions, even now after over forty years in Colorado, the strains of "America" develop at once a desire to rise and sing the old, old words, "God save our gracious Queen," and then the old patriotism joins with the new. We, therefore, say let there be displayed in every land its special emblem—"Old Glory" in the United States, the "Union Jack in England, and her colonies, and the flag of every other country in its proper environment."

That is all very nice and patriotic—but we are of the same opinion still.

We had marked some passages in our Companion's report for notice, but must desist, in view of the great number of volumes which await attention.

Comp. Frank L. Bishop, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Charles H. Jacobson, R. E. Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

115TH ANNUAL—NEW HAVEN—MAY, 1913.

Number of Chapters on roll, 40. Number represented, 39. Membership, 9,011. Net gain, 104.

Comp. W. J. Bissell, M. E. Grand High Priest, whose portrait adorns this volume.

The intelligent face of G. L. Hewitt, P. G. H. P., 1890, also graces this volume.

Comp. Eugene A. Hall was at his post as Representative of Alabama.

The address of the G. H. P. is not lengthy, but "covers the ground."

After fitting reference to the Fraternal Dead, both at home and abroad, and after some routine announcements, the G. H. P. reported the following decisions:

"A Secretary elected and installed cannot resign or be removed unless charges are proven. In case a Secretary refusing to serve longer a High Priest should appoint a Secretary pro tem to fill the vacancy until the next Annual."

"A Companion demitting from one Jurisdiction to another cannot ask the Chapter that he has affiliated with to accept the By-Laws of that Jurisdiction, but must obey the By-Laws of the Chapter he has affiliated with."

As to the first decision, while aware that stationed officers cannot resign, we are of the opinion that a Secretary may do so.

Good cause therefor having been shown, he had granted four special dispensations.

He recommended to the careful consideration of the Companions a telegram from the G. G. H. P. of the G. G. C. of the U. S., urging donations to the flood sufferers.

His six visitations to Chapters were both pleasant and profitable.

The reports of the D. G. H. P., the G. K. and the G. S., were pleasantly made and were very encouraging.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash was the sum of \$4,034.16.

On the following dispensations granted, viz.:

One authorizing a Texas Chapter to confer the degrees on a party elected in Connecticut Chapter, but having removed to Texas before receiving the degrees.

Another dispensation permits a Chapter to omit Convocation on Christmas.

A dispensation to hold regular Convocation Thursday, May 20th, instead of on the 21st, Good Friday.

Another dispensation to hold special Convocation to ballot on three candidates, all members to be notified three days in advance.

Thus the Committee:

"In the matter of the so-called dispensation authorizing Beaumont Chapter, No. 118, of Beaumont, Texas, to confer the degrees on Klause L. Johnson, who was elected to the degrees in Giddings Chapter, No. 25, New Britain.

Owing to lack of specific details your Committee are unprepared at this time to render an intelligent opinion.

In the matter of dispensation to Triune Chapter, No. 40, for balloting on three candidates at a Special Convocation.

Not having information relating to the "good cause having been shown," your Committee is of the opinion that the dispensation should not have been granted. That the shortening of the time for the balloting on applications is contrary to the ancient landmarks and Masonic law and we recommend the practice be discontinued."

We do not find that the Committee passed upon the question whether or not a Secretary can resign.

The Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected eleven Excellent Companions to the Order.

From Comp. Geo. A. Kies we quote the following:

"As usual, the Correspondence report, 150 pp., is submitted by Comp. William Y. Titcomb. Connecticut, 1911, receives two and one-half pages of cordial and mostly approving review. But, anent the fining of Chapters at roll call, he remarks:

'We do not like that fining business. It tends towards dragging Masonry down to the level of Commercialism.'

We appreciate his kind words regarding our Correspondence report.

This is good and true, under Caniada:

'Comp. Bennett intimates, generally speaking, nobody reads our Reports. But let us content ourselves with the thought that, if we make a mistake in any one of our papers, or say something at which someone takes umbrage then rest assured that the aggrieved Brothers will come down on us like "The Assyrian." Ergo, somebody *does* read our Reports!'

Under Maine, anent the question of precedence of the G. M., we endorse his words as follows:

'The M. W. is Grand Master of all the Freemasons in the State. He is, and must be regarded as head of the Craft, which embraces all Blue Lodge, Chapter, and Commandery Freemasons, in the State.

We do not allude to his presence in Chapter or Commandery—Grand or Subordinate. We are not oblivious of the fact that if a Grand Master visits a Chapter or Commandery, he is, while within its precincts, only a "high private," just as would be the Governor of the State, or—for that matter—would the President of the United States. Outside the Convocations, R. A. M., or the Conclave, K. T.—say in a procession of Freemasons, the G. H. P. and the Grand Commander may walk or ride, as the case may be, but their position is not behind the Grand Master; and when at the proper juncture, a halt is made, and the Brethren form two lines, "inward face," the Grand Master is the first to advance between the two lines of

Freemasons, they falling in from the rear in regular order. It will be observed that we are not thinking of priority, within the tyled Commandery or Chapter, but of rank or station in a general way. It is thus that we view the Grand Master as the chief personage in the Craft within his own State.'

Under Maryland, as to the Chapter seal he opines:

'As to the affixing the Chapter Seal to papers, the Seal should be affixed to all instruments issued by or with the authority of the Chapter, but *to no other documents.*'

As we recollect, this question was raised because of objection to affixing the Seal on a receipt for dues. While, in the abstract, this objection might be partially valid, a receipt for dues having in some Jurisdictions partially acquired the function of documentary evidence of good standing, we see some advantage in having the Seal thus attached.

He agrees with us as to the superfluity of re-installation in the case of re-elected officer.

Under Michigan, anent an opinion that 'the Ritual should be revised and re-written,' he sturdily rejoins:

'If we were called upon for a suggestion on the subject, we should suggest the *destruction* of the written Ritual, instead of its *revision.*'

Under Nova Scotia, anent use of substitutes, he is decidedly conservative:

'The writer has long contended that the use of substitutes in the Royal Arch Degree is a mere sham, although the Grand Chapter of Alabama does not hold the same view.

The only safe way, is to exalt three—no more—no less. We weaken the Royal Arch System, by departing from the established rule."

Comp. Kies concludes his review of Alabama with the following:

He thinks we are "more than half right" in the opinion that the P. M. Degree has no business in Capitular Masonry.

Comp. Hewitt's face makes a good picture in this volume; so does Comp. Bissell's.

Comp. Louis L. Beach, M.°, E.°, Grand High Priest.

Comp. James McCormick, R.°, E.°, Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

45TH ANNUAL—WILMINGTON—JANUARY, 1913.

Companion Samuel H. Benson, Jr., M.°, E.°, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 4. Membership, 1,141. Neither gain nor loss in members.

The address of the Grand High Priest gives abundant evidence of faithful and intelligent discharge of the duties pertaining to that high office.

Only one decision was rendered. Its purport was that the Charter of a Chapter authorizing work at a certain place, said Chapter could not confer even the appendant degrees in any other place than that one designated in the Charter, intimating that the Grand High Priest has no power to grant permission to a Chapter to confer degrees elsewhere.

This decision was unanimously approved.

November 23, 1913, the Grand High Priest had appointed M. E. Comp. J. Harmer Rile, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

M. E. Comp. Benson recommended that Grand Chapter make it obligatory upon High Priests-elect to become "Anointed High Priests" before they can regularly officiate as High Priests of their Chapters.

This recommendation was unanimously approved.

The Grand Secretary reported receipt of returns and dues from the Subordinate Chapters.

The Finance Committee reported a small balance to credit of Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence had nothing before it for special report.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and the Committee on Warrants and Dispensations had no business before them. Same for the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Work was well satisfied with results of the year's labor.

The Committee on Memorials made appropriate report.

M. E. Comp. Henry S. Haines, Grand Lecturer of New Jersey, a distinguished visitor, on invitation delivered a short, but pithy and eloquent address.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence is his twenty-first, says M. E. Comp. V. V. Harrison, Chairman of the Committee.

Much to our regret, Alabama is not included in his review.

Comp. Harrison thinks that on the death of the High Priest of a Chapter, the King presides until the expiration of the term. So think we. Recall the King's answer as to his duties. It is a pleas-

ure to find ourselves in agreement with Companion Harrison on many points of opinion.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected four eligible Companions to the Order.

The frontispiece of this volume is a portrait of M.°. E.°. Samuel H. Benson, Jr. The face indicates either earnestness or keen sense of humor.

Comp. Walter W. Bacon, M.°, E.°, Grand High Priest.

Comp. James H. Price, R.°. E.°, Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

45TH ANNUAL—WASHINGTON CITY—FEBRUARY, 1912.

Comp. Moses D. Mull, M.°, E.°, Grand High Priest.

This volume is handsomely embellished with portraits of the following Companions, viz: Grand High Priest Moses D. Mull, and P. G. H. P. John Lockie (1871) and Joseph Daniels (1872).

Number of Chapters, 12. Membership, 3,530. Net loss, 52.

With pleasure we note that our Representative was reported present.

M.°, E.°, Companion George E. Corson, General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter and M.°. W.°. Bro. Ben W. Murch, Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia, were heartily welcomed, as also was the Past Grand High Priest of Maryland, Comp. J. James Foble.

A letter of regret that he could not be present at this Convocation of Grand Chapter was received from General Grand High Priest, M.°. E.°, Comp. Nathan Kingsley. He was, however, represented by the G. G. K., M.°, E.°, Comp. George E. Corson.

From the address of the Grand High Priest, it is learned that he made fitting mention of the fraternal dead within and outside the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

The M.°, E.°, faithfully discharged his duty in respect of official visitations.

He had issued four special dispensations—all deemed within his prerogatives.

He had been called upon for no decisions—a fact which indicates proficiency in Capitular Law on the part of the Constituent Chapters.

Early in March a very enjoyable and highly interesting official visit was made to Grand Chapter by the M. E. General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, Comp. Nathan Kingsley.

The Grand High Priest commended to the Companions the M. & E. S. Home. The net assets of the Home amounted to \$40,275.15. Last year the per capita cost of maintenance was \$17.25 per month.

Grand Secretary Arvine W. Johnston is invaluable to Grand Chapter.

Balance in the Treasury, February 15th, 1912, was the sum of \$4,415.71.

The Report on Correspondence was received and ordered printed as an appendix to the proceedings.

The reports of the Trustees, and of certain Committees were concurred in.

The Jurisprudence Committee sustained the dispensations of the Grand High Priest.

At the regular Convention of the Order of High Priesthood, twelve eligible Companions were elected to the Order. At a second meeting eight more of the Companions were invested with the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence is again by that versatile writer, Comp. Roe Fulkerson, who, in his own spicy manner, reviews the proceedings of fifty-five Grand Jurisdictions (two of them for two years).

His brief Introduction is what might be termed unique, but full of good, hard sense:

"To the Grand Chapter:

The man who fears to take his stand alone,
But follows where the greatest number lead,
Should hasten to his rest beneath a stone—
The *great majority* of men are dead.

And then again, my Brethren, in the ninth verse we find:

I honor a man who is willing to sink
 Half his present reputé for the freedom to think,
 And having thought, be his cause strong or weak,
 Will sink t' other half for the freedom to speak.

We're off!

ROE FULKERSON,
 For the Committee."

Comp. Fulkerson certainly has the courage of his convictions.

Alabama, 1911, is treated with wonted courtesy and consideration.

The reviewer thus pays his respects to M. E. Companion Lew Lazarus:

"Almost as soon as the starter had called 'they're off!' the General Grand High Priest was announced and entered accompanied as a matter of course by Lew Lazarus! We would be willing to make a wager of a cookey that Lew is the first man at every fire in his own town! Lew made his usual happy introduction and the General Grand his usual splendid speech and then they got down to business."

He thus refers to the writer:

"That past master of pen wielders, William Y. Titcomb, has the Correspondence Report again and has passed us up again. Year before last we were omitted from his report because he was ill and we only hope that the same reason did not exist this year. If so, we are sorry; if not, we are mad! He is too good a reviewer for us to be satisfied when we are left out of his report."

Our Companion at the Capital City gives us overmuch praise. He is not more "sorry" than we are that the District of Columbia was omitted, but circumstances beyond our control prevented the work being done at the proper time. We do not willingly leave Comp. Fulkerson "out in the cold."

The following, under Canada, is as good as a play:

"Bennett liked our work as reviewer. We are glad he did, for there has been so much question here as to whether it was good or not that we had begun to doubt it ourselves, but when a man like Bennett copies several pages of it, it must have been worth while. He says in conclusion: 'Having disposed of Canada, he romps through the rest, always merry, sometimes pungent, occasionally affectionate, after the manner of a playful bear, and always *trite* and welcome.' We read that paragraph over twice, for he had been awful good to us. We went over it to see if we could be mistaken about that word 'trite,' but it was there! We then hiked for the Century Dictionary to see if we had the meaning of the word aright.

We turned the pages feverishly! Our hand trembled as we came to the 'T-r-s.' We found the word! 'Trite, rubbed;' (Ivan, the knout!) 'worn;' (Fireman, save my child!) 'used so common as to have lost its novelty and interest;' (Officer, do your duty!) 'commonplace;' (Quick, Watson, the needle, he has only fainted!) 'worn out!' (Yes, the smeling salts at once!) 'hackneyed;' (Officer! He's in again!) 'stale.' (There! You villain! Take that! Don't stand so close to the head of the grave, you will knock some clods in!)

Ah, Bennett, we had loved you so well, too! You were our ideal, the standard by which all other reviewers, all other Canadians, all other Capitular Masons were measured! Your writings were the highest claw-marks on the tree, and yet you threw us down with one fell swoop, one tiny word was the drop of gall you added to our cup of nectar! But we will not complain. It were better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all. Instead of hanging our harp on the weeping willow tree we will attune it to the soul sob key and pour forth our sad lament like the bulbul warbling to the red, red rose even though the cruel thorn of disappointment press deep into our loving heart. We will return good for evil because we are nice. Instead of answering scorn with scorn and sarcasm with sarcasm, we will bend our wabby energies and the corn meal batter which we have instead of brains, to the holy task of making Bennett immortal. We will succeed, too, or bust the back strap on our new Sunday pants! 'Trite!' Oh, Bennett! We never would have believed it!"

Comp. Jacobus S. Jones, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Arvine W. Johnston, R. E., Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

46TH ANNUAL—WASHINGTON, D. C.—FEBRUARY, 1913.

Number of Chapters, 12. Members, 3,567. Net gain, 37.

Companion Jacobus S. Jones, M. E., Grand High Priest.

The M. E., Jacobus S. Jones furnishes an address which illustrates the high character of the Jurisdiction over which he presided. His pious and beautiful exordium is worth quoting from.

This is what he says:

"OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER AND COMPANIONS:

Hearken, my Companions! Peace within our walls; good-fellowship within our gates; hearty greetings and happy salutations to our membership.

Hear me, Companions: We praise the Great Jehovah, 'Almighty and eternal God! Architect and Ruler of the Universe, at whose

creative fiat all things were first made,' our Infinite Father, the compassionate and watchful, the just and merciful, under whose loving care we are permitted to dwell upon the earth. We humbly thank Him for His gracious kindness during the year now at its close, and we beseech of Him a continuation of His perfect tenderness toward us throughout all the coming years."

The Most Excellent stated that the total assets of Grand Chapter were \$57,820.00.

The Grand High Priest had granted five dispensations to receive petitions for the degrees from persons who had no fixed permanent place of residence.

He had made "the statutory or customary annual visitations to the several Constituent Chapters," and had made forty-three informal visits to them. From personal observation and experience he could say:

"In my opinion the twelve High Priests of 1912, in zeal, fidelity and ability measure up to the very high standard set by the many distinguished High Priests whose names have adorned the roll of this Grand Chapter during the 46 years of its brilliant history."

That dozen of High Priests must have felt good over those words of praise.

We extract bodily what the Grand High Priest says concerning the projected "Masonic and Eastern Star Home":

"At the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, February 8, 1911, it concurred in a recommendation of the Committee on Accounts as follows:

"That an amount equal to one-fourth the per capita assessment for the year just closed be donated to the building of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, and that a like donation be made each year for the period of ten years, except that if the Home be fully completed within that time, all donations thereafter be used for an endowment in connection with the Home, as the Grand Chapter may determine and direct."

Within the year now closing a movement was started to raise funds to complete the Home in the coming summer. It has been highly successful and the completion of the Home now seems assured.

Briefly stated, the plan proposed to the several Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters was that they raise, in such manner as they might think best, an amount equal to three times their respective memberships.

The total membership of the Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters falling within the purview of this plan is about 12,000, which would produce about \$36,000.

The authorities now have about \$13,000 towards a building fund. The Home as it is desired to complete it will cost from \$60,000 to \$75,000, thus necessitating a small deed of trust on the property.

In view, therefore, of what has thus been done towards the early completion of the Home, and in order to carry out the recommendation heretofore adopted, I recommend that a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the question of the disposition of the future donations as contemplated by said recommendation and to report thereon at the next regular Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

In this movement which has accomplished so much already two names stand out as an encouragement to its success, those of Past Grand Masters Ben W. Murch and Lurtin R. Ginn."

Success to you, Companions.

The Grand Treasurer reported cash balance on hand as \$4,068.72.

The report of the Grand Visitor and Lecturer was received and ordered spread upon the minutes.

The recommendation of the Special Committee that Grand Chapter adopt a resolution requiring High Priests-elect to become Anointed High Priests before they are installed into office, was on a vote being taken, declared lost.

It is no business of ours, but we venture to intimate that said resolution seems to have a rather *bluish* tint.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Though personally unknown to the writer, Comp. Roe Fulkerson, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, occupies a high place among our Masonic Brethren.

He reviews fifty-eight volumes of proceedings in his own inimitable way. His condenser works well.

Alabama, 1912, receives a full half page. He says of Grand High Priest Lawrence H. Lee's portrait:

"The M. E. looks like Bill Nye, and the smile crinkling around the corners of his mouth would indicate a sense of humor, which his annual address fails to show, as it is a prosy document."

Yes, that able address is all *prose*—Ahem!

Again he says:

"If an operation for appendicitis were performed on this book there wouldn't be much of it left. The Appendix is the Correspondence Report of William Y. Titcomb, and it not only monopolized the

greater portion of the space, but also the greater portion of the interest.

He writes so well that he doesn't seem to be writing at all. It's just like he sat and chatted with you about it over a stein, and he gossips his way along through the Jurisdictions in the most delightful possible way.

He gives us a nice report with particular compliment to Past Grand High Priest Harper's talk about the Masonic and Eastern Star Home. He quotes from this committee by the page and tosses us verbal bouquets by the basketful. Our hat is off and our bald spot exposed to the glaring rays of the noonday sun in obeisance."

The suggestion of that surgical operation looks like a hit under the fifth rib; however, he seeks to atone for it by giving the writer a bottle full of soothing syrup.

Badinage aside, we think the comment on our report one of the nicest figurative nosegays that could be presented. Its fragrance nearly takes our breath away. It is far beyond our merit. If we believed it, we should be like Aesop's frog.

This volume is embellished with portraits, including M. E. Jacobus S. Jones, M. E. Abner T. Longley and M. E. George Balou Clark.

The Convention of Anointed High Priests had two meetings, and elected to the Order eligible Companions to the number of twenty-six—seventeen at one meeting and nine at the other.

Comp. Adolphus Gude, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Arvine W. Johnston, R. E. Grand Secretary.

ENGLAND.

QUARTERLY CONVOCATION—LONDON—FEBRUARY, 1912.

Comp. Thomas F. Halsey, Acting Grand Z.

The only business transacted at this Convocation was adoption of the report of the Committee of General Purposes.

The Committee recommended that Charters be granted for five new Chapters, which had complied with all requirements, and also the adoption of a resolution offered by the Committee in regard to the qualifications of petitions for new Chapters.

Convocation closed in peace and harmony, the Committee having reported the balances to credit of Grand Chapter to the sum of \$9,355.78.

ENGLAND.

QUARTERLY CONVOCATION—MAY, 1912.

Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill, Pro. Grand Z. was present and presided. The Committee of General Purposes reported on a matter referred back to it at the February, 1912, Quarterly as follows:

"That in order to promote as far as possible the efficient working of new Chapters, it is highly desirable that the Companions designated for the Principal Chairs shall be fully qualified by previous service in the respective offices."

On recommendation of same Committee, warrants were granted to petitions for seven new Chapters.

On favorable report by the Committee seven Chapters were granted permission to remove their quarters.

Also Grand Chapter made purchase of \$2,400.00 India 3½ per cent stock.

Comp. Richard Horton-Horton Smith was thanked for the able and courteous manner in which he had presided over the meetings of the Committee for the past year.

The contributions received during the year ending March 31, 1912, were in the sum of \$59,761.20, according to the Supreme Grand Chapter Statement of Accounts.

ENGLAND.

QUARTERLY—LONDON—AUGUST, 1912.

Comp. Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill, M. P., E. P., Grand Z.

The few details of this Convocation will be of little or no interest to outsiders.

On recommendation of the Committee of General Purposes Warrants (Charters) were granted for organization of five new Chapters to be attached to certain Lodges named in the report thereon.

Three Chapters were permitted to change their quarters, and one Chapter's name was erased from the roll of Chapters.

One of the five new Chapters was to be located at Yokohama, Japan.

ENGLAND.

Two pamphlets—one a record of the November, 1912, Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter; the other a record of the Quarterly of February, 1913.

At the November meeting, on recommendation of the Committee on General Purposes the organization of five new Chapters was permitted, two of them in India, and one in South Africa, and the other in England.

The removal of four Chapters from present quarters was also sanctioned.

No other business appearing Grand Chapter was closed.

At the February, 1913, Quarterly, four more petitions for new Chapters were recommended by the Committee of General Purposes, also seven memorials asking permission to change their quarters. The petitions for new Chapters were granted and the seven removals were sanctioned.

One Chapter had lost its original Charter and petitioned for a Charter of Confirmation. The Committee having been satisfied of the reasonableness of the request, recommended that a Charter of Confirmation be granted, which was accordingly so done.

One of the London Chapters, having in its petition proved its existence for one hundred years, was granted permission to wear a Centenary Jewel.

"The PRESIDENT then proceeded as follows:—'We next come to the case of a Petition for a Charter, of which the Committee recommended in their printed report a reference back for amendment, on the ground that it did not appear that any one of the Principals designate was either a Present or Past Principal.

It will be in the recollection of Grand Chapter that at the Convocation of 1st May, 1912, it sanctioned a resolution "that in order to promote as far as possible the efficient working of new Chapters, it is highly desirable that the Companions designated for the Principal Chairs shall be fully qualified by previous service in the respective offices."

That was a rule for our own guidance in the Committee. We have given effect to it, as far as possible, and the result has been good.

In the case of the proposed St. Wendreda Chapter, the terms of the resolution were apparently disregarded, and hence the recommendation of the Committee as it appears in the print.

But communications, subsequently made by the promoters of the Chapter to the Grand Scribe E., have materially altered the complexion of matters.

It now appears that the proposed and petitioning Z. was at the time filling the Chair of J.—which to some extent met the requirement of the Committee—and it was suggested that the Petition might be amended by the substitution as petitioners of Ex. Comp. WILLIAM STAUNTON SHERRINGTON, P. Z., as Z., Ex. Comp. JOHN GILBERT STURTON J. as H., and Ex. Comp. EDWARD COLPOYS WELLS J. (the previously designated Z.) as J.

We agree, and I, therefore, move on behalf of the Committee, that the substitution in question be sanctioned, and that the prayer of the Petition as amended be granted.

The Motion was seconded by the Grand Registrar, and duly carried."

In the absence of the Grand Z., Grand H., and Grand J., E. Com-panion J. Thornhill Morland, Grand Superintendent for Berkshire, presided as Grand Z. at the February Quarterly.

ENGLAND.

QUARTERLY CONVOCATION—LONDON—MAY 7, 1913.

Comp. Rt. Hon. Thomas F. Halsey, M. E., Grand H. as Grand Z.

The proceedings of this Grand Body are always dignified and urbane.

The Committee of General Purposes in its report recommended approval of five petitions for new Chapters. A sixth petition for a new Chapter not conforming to all requirements, was sent back for amendment.

The Committee also recommended that the removal of certain five Chapters be sanctioned.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

The sixth petition for a new Chapter having been subsequently amended, and returned, was also granted.

The Committee was very complimentary to its President, Richard Horton-Horton Smith.

The "Statement of Accounts," for the period beginning April 1, 1912, and ending March 31, 1913, occupies the most of the pages of this pamphlet.

Said "Statement" foots up as follows: \$5,799.88.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The pamphlet before us contains a record of the proceedings at the following Quarterly Communications, viz: September, 1911; December, 1911; March, 1912; June, 1912, also sundry statistics.

From the record of the September Communication it is learned that the forty-third Annual Festival held at King's Hall Helborn Restaurants July, 1911, brought to the Fund of Benevolence the sum of \$10,963.20, according to the report of the General Board.

As was to be presumed, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught was named as M. W. Grand Master of this large and influential body of Masons, which has ramifications the world over. The value of its influence can not be easily overestimated.

When we glance at the extent of its charitable and educational work, the Balance Sheet March 20, 1912, of the Fund of Benevolence, speaks louder than words in that behalf. Listen: The total sum of the Benevolent Fund, the Educational Fund, and the Annuity Fund amounts to \$284,513.86.

Since details of the several Quarterly meetings would not especially interest our readers in Alabama, those details are omitted.

On the Roll of Royal Ark Mariner Lodge, the numbers reach the figure 587. Number of Royal Ark Mariners registered 10,745.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The minutes of the following four Quarterlies, viz: September 3, 1912, December 3, 1912, March 4, 1913, June 3, 1913, are on our table, and receive a hurried notice just before going to press.

The Earl of Stradbroke was elected as M. W. Pro Grand Master.

The business of those sessions was conducted on a high plane and entire unanimity evidently prevailed during the meetings.

The lists of Mark Master Lodges and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges reach respectively, the numbers 643 and 590. Total membership, 63,711.

The receipts for the year amounted to \$4,231.64.

These Brethren of ours are not oblivious of their obligations in the way of charitable acts.

Their operations extend to all parts of the British Empire.

Their Fund of Benevolence last year reached the following figures, \$7,538.71.

At this writing the foregoing meagre notice must suffice. Another time we may do better.

The Earl of Stradbroke, M. . W. . Pro. Grand Master.

John Strachan, K. . C. . V. . W. . Grand Registrar.

FLORIDA.

67TH ANNUAL—JACKSONVILLE—MAY, 1913.

Comp. Robert McClellan, M. . E. . Grand High Priest, whose portrait appears on the first page.

Alabama was not one of the Grand Chapters represented at this Convocation. Comp. White was where—?

The address of the Grand High Priest evinces, in its tone an excellent spirit. In his opening lines, we find the following jubilant expression:

"We are living in an age of progress in our beautiful State, evidences of which surround us on every hand. Masonry in all its branches has kept pace with the front rank."

The M. . E. . 's visitations and those of the other stationed Grand Officers made interesting reading.

At times he grew quite eloquent.

Listen:

"From Key West I journeyed over the famous East Coast Railroad (over the sea) to the magic city of Miami. I could not write a description of the unsurpassed beauty and great expenditure of capital represented from Key West to Miami that would give even a faint conception of that wonderful construction. It must be seen to be appreciated. At Miami I met the High Priest, Companion A. E. Heyser, who showed me all over and around this lovely city, with its palatial homes, orange, grapefruit and cocoanut groves, its royal palms, its tropical fruits and flowers, where the frosts of winter are unknown, and at its feet flows the majestic Biscayne Bay."

Some correspondence which appears in his address is of interest only to those immediately concerned, so in this "snap-shot" paper we pass it.

He had granted one dispensation to form a new Chapter, but had refused all requests for permission to ballot on petitions at Special Convocations.

The few decisions reported by the Grand High Priest met the approval of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, as well as that of the Grand Chapter.

He could not bestow too high praise upon Grand Secretary Webster for his ever-willing and ever-ready counsel and advice.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws recommended a Charter to the new Chapter U. D.

Florida is one of the Jurisdictions in which it is not deemed necessary to install officers who are re-elected or re-appointed. While we, in Alabama, install every year, nevertheless the writer recognizes the force of the statement that when an officer is installed, he pledges himself to faithfully perform the duties of said office until his successor is *elected and installed*.

All the business of this Grand Chapter was conducted in order, and with dignity.

Neat memorial pages were set apart for the names of the fraternal dead.

A Special Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held in the City of Tampa to receive and elect two eligible Companions to the Order. At the Annual Convention of the Grand Council of the Order, which was held in Jacksonville, seven more eligibles were admitted to the Order.

Next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter will be held in Jacksonville, May, 1914.

Comp. Harry N. Sweeting, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Wilber P. Webster, R. E., Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

91ST ANNUAL—MACON—APRIL 30, 1913.

Chapters, 146. Membership, 7,255. Net gain, 234.

One hundred and seven Chapters were represented at both the opening and closing of Grand Chapter.

Comp. W. G. England, M. E., Grand High Priest, whose portrait adorns the first page of this volume.

One hundred seven Chapters were represented at both the opening and closing of Grand Chapter.

At the opening of Grand Chapter, Wednesday, April 30th, all the Grand Officers, including our Representative, Comp. Thomas H. Jeffries, G. P. S., were present. Eight Past Grand High Priests also manifested their interest in Capitular Masonry by being in attendance.

The G. H. P. made the most agreeable statement that fraternal relations with sister Jurisdictions were most harmonious and friendly.

He had issued a dispensation for one new Chapter's organization.

Upon proper application conformable to legal requirements, he had granted dispensations for the resuscitation of eleven Chapters; the good work since done by all these Chapters justified his action in the premises.

The seventeen decisions reported by the Grand High Priest are models of conciseness and intelligent consideration.

The report of the Committee on the address voices our own feelings in its well-chosen words of applause and commendation. In his fourteen years of experience as Correspondent, the writer has never encountered an "Address" which appealed more strongly to his sense of what such a document should be.

The visitations of the G. H. P. were numerous and, no doubt, highly profitable and inspiring to the Chapters visited.

His sixty-one dispensations granted were all of them strictly within his prerogatives, as we view them.

We highly appreciate, in the reference to the G. G. C. U. S. A., the well-merited compliment paid to Companions Henry Banks and J. W. Taylor.

At a suitable hour, Grand Chapter being at refreshment, received a visit by the children of the Home. The occasion was very interesting.

R. E. Grand Secretary, Comp. William A. Wolihin "Fills the bill" as custodian of the Grand Chapter's affairs.

R. E. Comp. Griswold, Grand Treasurer, does likewise in keeping the keys of the money chest. Cash and interest bearing certificates and bank certificates, \$10,828.42.

From the Grand Lecturer's report we learn that during the year he had visited eighty Chapters. His report shows that he had been a busy man.

On recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence and General Welfare, the action of the Grand High Priest in reference to decisions, dispensations and fraternal relations with other Grand Jurisdictions, was approved.

On motion of M. E. Comp. Henry Banks, the Grand Chapter, with one voice, invited the G. G. H. P., Comp. Bernard G. Witt, to visit Grand Chapter at 1914 Annual.

M. E. Comp. James W. Taylor, from Special Committee, reported adversely on a proposition from the Grand Council (Cryptic Rite) to require petition for the Council degrees with fee therefor, to accompany petition for the Chapter degrees. Referred to Committee on Codification of the Laws.

The Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected ten eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

With good taste and discrimination, E. Comp. Charles P. Bass, Chairman of the Committee, submits his report on forty-seven Grand Jurisdictions, including Alabama, 1911 and Alabama, 1912. M. E. Comp. Lawrence H. Lee's address is pronounced "Excellent," and he is briefly quoted.

The writer is indebted to Comp. Bass for kind reference to the Alabama Correspondence Report.

Comp. J. P. Bowdoin, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. W. A. Wolihin, R. E., Grand Secretary.

IDAHO.

5TH ANNUAL—TWIN FALLS—JUNE, 1913.

Comp. Geo. M. Waterhouse, M. E., Grand High Priest, whose manly face graces the initial page of this volume.

Number of Chartered Chapters, 16. Membership, 1,134. Net gain, 86.

The G. H. P. had issued his commission to Comp. Walter B. Merrill as Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama, and had recommended Comp. J. M. Aldrich as Alabama's Representative near the Grand Chapter of Idaho.

The M. E. thus opens his address:

"We are profoundly grateful for God's watchful care over us during the past year and it is indeed a great pleasure to welcome you to this beautiful little city which, like ourselves, is young and I hope that we will imbibe some of the enthusiasm and progressiveness of the citizens of Twin Falls in our deliberations during this Grand Convocation.

While I have but little to report as to the doings of the several Chapters composing this Grand Chapter, yet many things of importance have transpired in the lives of many of us and Capitular Masonry has been making history during the short twelve months since our last Convocation.

I am pleased to report that nothing has occurred to mar the peace and tranquillity of our relations with Sister Grand Jurisdictions and our own Chapters have pursued the even tenor of their way, carefully obeying the Masonic laws and observing the tenets of their profession."

Under the head of "Decisions" we find the following rulings:

"1st. Those affiliating with a certain Chapter U. D. or exalted therein will not be original Charter members thereof."

We demur.

"2nd. In the Royal Arch Degree no section or lecture shall be given to more than one trio at the same time.

3rd. A Chapter has permanent jurisdiction over a Brother whom it elected to receive the degrees, unless it has a provision in its By-Laws which requires a candidate to appear within a certain time, or forfeit his right to the degrees."

Idaho responded promptly to the appeal of the G. G. H. P. on behalf of the flood sufferers with a check for \$100.00.

Referring to the last Triennial of the G. G. C. at Indianapolis, the G. H. P. highly compliments our Indiana Companions for their courtesy and hospitality.

The G. H. P. recommended the adoption of a custom which obtains in a large number of Grand Jurisdictions, viz: that the commission of Grand Representatives expire with the Triennial of the G. G. C.—this for the sake of uniformity.

The Grand Treasurer's balance amounted to \$1,110.19.

On recommendation of the Committee on Chapters U. D., Charters were granted to two such Chapters, official designation of the same and principal officers being named.

The Report on Correspondence is submitted by Comp. Hiram T. French. It is his first effort in this direction, but, as appears, a very successful effort.

Here is his modest exordium:

"This, our first effort in reviewing the Proceedings of Capitular Masonry, is undertaken with some degree of trepidation, and a fear that in the hurry and worry of other duties, some things may be omitted which should be said, and others happenings made to appear more prominent than they should. To say just enough and leave out the non-essentials is our aim, but alas, our aims in life are seldom fully realized."

Alabama, 1912, receives a page and one-half of courteous notice.

M., E., Comp. Lawrence H. Lee is complimented by extracts from his address, in several points, and the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence is kindly referred to.

Comp. French will make a good reviewer.

We have quoted his introduction and also his brief conclusion as follows:

"In making our exit we feel that much has been left undone and unsaid, but with this as a starter if it should fall to our lot to again perform the task we shall hope to profit by the experience gained in this brief review, and thus come nearer the goal of our ambition to do well if it is possible for us to gain this pinnacle.

Respectfully,

HIRAM T. FRENCH."

Comp. John R. Nevers, M., E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Lewis W. Ensign, R., E., Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS

63D ANNUAL—CHICAGO—OCTOBER, 1912.

Companion Chas. C. Davis, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 201. Membership, 35,117. Net increase, 1,732.

With satisfaction we note that Comp. Samuel J. Le Fevre, our Representative, was present at the Convocation under review.

He and the other Foreign Ministers were formally introduced and heartily welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

In his address the Grand High Priest, in fitting terms, announced the death of three Companions—Past Grand High Priest Wm. J. A. DeLancey, Grand Chaplain, the Rev. William W. Wilson, and Grand Sentinel James E. Jewett.

According to law, he had divided the Jurisdiction into nine Districts, assigning one District to each Grand Officer.

A business-like arrangement.

The M. E. had granted five special dispensations to elect officers out of time, and three to form new Chapters.

He had greatly enjoyed his attendance on the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter at Indianapolis.

He had constituted three Chapters and in person or by proxy had instituted four.

He recommended that Chapters abandon the "antiquated rule" which fixed date of meeting by the phases of the moon.

Under the Illinois rule as to territorial jurisdiction, he was obliged to decline to let a candidate just across the Ohio in Kentucky be received, but felt that "Border line courtesies" were desirable and recommended that the subject of border line jurisdiction be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for investigation as to the advisability or expediency of its adoption.

The Grand Treasurer had cash balance of \$22,816.00 and securities \$40,000.00, total \$62,816.00.

On recommendation of Grand Secretary Geo. W. Warvelle, Committee on Correspondence, recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of Utah, and official fraternal relations invited.

The Committee on Chapters U. D. made report and recommended that Charters be granted to four such Chapters, named in the report, and the recommendation was adopted.

The Grievance Committee, to its delight, had an empty docket.

The Committee on Obituary made an extended report which was received and unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

A memorial was received from a Chapter, which had paid dues of an insane member under protest, the law requiring dues to be paid for each member in good standing, the Chapter thinking it unjust to require dues from such a member, asked its reference to the Jurisprudence Committee.

The Committee on United Charities made report, which excited a brief discussion, but was finally adopted.

The Committee concluded its report thus:

"While your Committee believes that we can well use some of our funds in charity under a proper plan therefor, it did not believe that the plan proposed was such as this Grand Chapter should approve. The refusal, however, of the Grand Lodge to approve the same leaves wholly lacking to the scheme that unity of action and support upon which by the terms of the resolutions under which your Committee was appointed and the report of the General Committee it could be alone rendered effective and give the breath of life to its being and precludes any favorable action by this Grand Body on such scheme.

Your Committee begs to therefore report that no scheme of United Charity has yet been adopted upon which action of this Grand Body could be concurrently and jointly taken and thereby rendered effective within the scope of the authority under which we were created."

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected in all forty-two eligible Companions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence is the eleventh presented by Comp. Geo. W. Warvelle, and it is a masterly one. All the same, we can give him but scant attention because we lack time and space which his report richly deserves.

In A. B. C. order, Alabama, 1911, heads the list of fifty-eight Jurisdictions reviewed.

It will not be amiss to inject here what Comp. Warvelle pertinently says in his introduction about us knights of the quill:

"About all the reviewer can do, in the average case, is to note the facts of harmony, prosperity and general good will, and let it go at that. To attempt more is simply to give a synopsis of the routine business of the Convocation, and this, as a rule, makes rather dry

reading in other jurisdictions. Of course, there are those who think otherwise and who give shape to their convictions by extended reviews. But, are they read? That is, are they read by the persons to whom they are addressed and for whom they were presumably prepared? I know that in Illinois such has not been the case, and so, pursuing my policy of former years my jurisdictional reviews are brief. I try to present matters that I think may interest you and to avoid inconsequential details. As you have approved this course in the past I trust the present epistle may also meet with your approbation."

As for the writer, he puts on paper what to him seems best and lets it take its chance of acceptance. As Byron said of his parody at "Harrow," it must be as God pleases.

The cream of Comp. Warvelle's production is his "Postscript," etc. It is full of forceful remark as well as rhetorical excellence.

Speaking of fullness reminds us of Charles Lamb: One day he was riding down Cheapside in a bus which had several passengers in it. At a crossing the driver, hailed by somebody, poked his head down the cuddy-hole behind his seat and called out, "all full in there?" Lamb looked over both sides of the seats, but every other passenger was silent, whereupon, he lifted up his voice and said, "Well, driver, I can't speak for the rest of the folks, but as for myself, that last beeksteak and that last cup of coffee did the business for me."

Alabama receives a trifle over one page of fraternal and courteous notice.

The writer is thankful for kind wishes expressed by Comp. Warvelle and pleasant reference to the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence.

There is so much in Comp. Warvelle's report which we would like to extract that we give up in despair; hence we pass many things, including his charming essay on friendship quoting Aristotle's famous definition of friendship, viz: "Mutual affection mutually known." In other words, each of two parties knows that he loves the other, and each knows that the other loves him.

As to the paragraphs on "Smoking" we will put them in our pipe and smoke them after dinner.

Comp. Wm. B. Carlock, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Geo. W. Warvelle, R. E., Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

67TH ANNUAL—INDIANAPOLIS—OCTOBER, 1912.

Comp. William W. Goltra, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Active Chapters, 117. Members, 15,639. Net gain, 622.

With pleasure we note that our Representative was at his post of duty.

A distinguished visitor at this Convocation was Indiana's Representative near the Grand Chapter of New York—Comp. Geo. E. Briggs.

The address of the Grand High Priest opens with an exordium than which there could be none better.

Announcing the fraternal dead of other Jurisdictions, he well said of our beloved late Grand Treasurer, William Henry Dingley, who had so many years filled the office of Grand Treasurer:

"This evidence of trust needs no word of commendation."

Charters had been issued to three Chapters U. D. Dispensations had been granted for organizing three new Chapters; and in two instances two Chapters had been permitted to consolidate.

A special dispensation had been issued authorizing the election of officers at other than the prescribed time, and twenty-one dispensations to ballot on petitions before statutory limitations had been issued.

We find no fault with the six decisions of the Grand High Priest.

From his fifth decision we infer that our Indiana Brethren and Companions are not strait-laced on the subject of physical qualifications.

He made the following good recommendation:

"Under the head of 'Membership' of the General Regulations, I recommend that the General Regulations be so amended as to require the affiliation with a Lodge of Master Masons to retain membership in the Chapter."

October 15, 1912, the Grand Treasurer had cash balance in the sum of \$9,118.76.

R. E. (and truly excellent) Grand Secretary Calvin W. Prather reports that without exception, the Chapters had promptly made returns and paid their dues. Comp. Prather, we felicitate you.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognition was accorded to the Grand Chapter of Utah, and interchange of Representatives requested.

From the report of the Committee on Masonic Widows and Orphans Home it is learned that, for the purpose of building such an institution the Grand Lodge of Indiana has in hand, and sacredly set aside for the purpose, about \$60,000.00, but is also on record as not willing to go in debt; furthermore, it sees the pressing need of the Home; therefore the Chapter Committee asks Grand Chapter to aid Grand Lodge in this great and laudable undertaking. The report was referred to the "Committee on Claims."

Your undertaking, Companions, is a grand and glorious one. In Alabama we have a Home already in operation since January 1, 1913. We have a tract of land 236 acres in extent, with beautiful groves of oak and hickory on each side. The land and the main building have been paid for at an outlay of more than \$100,000.00.

Two ten-room cottages—one for old men, the other for old women, are in course of construction. Up to this time about forty residents live at the Home. We are very proud of it.

On recommendation of the Committee on Claims, Grand Chapter donated the sum of \$5,000.00 to the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home Fund. Good!

On favorable report of the Committee on Dispensations, Charters were granted to two Chapters U. D., and one was, at its own request, continued U. D.

P. G. M. Olin E. Holloway extended on behalf of Grand Lodge, warm thanks for the splendid donation of \$5,000.00 to the Home Fund.

On recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee, the decisions of the Grand High Priest were sustained.

From all we have learned, it is safe to say that the Grand Chapter of Indiana, in entertaining the General Grand Chapter at its Triennial at Indianapolis, covered itself with glory.

The Council of High Priests elected forty-three eligible Companions members of the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence is a second time the production of P. G. H. P. Comp. Robert A. Woods.

Comp. Woods writes a very good report—a valuable contribution to the literature of the Craft.

We have marked some paragraphs in his review and wish we had space for their reproduction.

The proceedings of sixty-four Jurisdictions pass under his judicious observation.

He gives Alabama, 1911, about two pages of his valuable space. It is of the administration of M., E., G. H. P. William E. Bingham.

On the subject of Work in the Grand Chapter, he says:

"The degrees of Most Excellent and Royal Arch were conferred by the Grand Chapter upon a Past Master of Montgomery Chapter No. 22, "a proceeding of doubtful legality" (Warvelle). No criticism whatever could arise had Montgomery Chapter convened on that particular evening and then invited the officers of the Grand Chapter to preside and exemplify the work. Why should the Grand Chapter usurp the functions of its subordinates?"

He has quoted Comp. Warvelle, with approval, as calling it "a proceeding of doubtful legality." Much would we like to see from either of our distinguished contemporaries an analysis of said "doubtful legality."

Comp. Woods does the writer the honor of saying:

"The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again by that distinguished veteran, Companion William Y. Titcomb, who reached the ripe old age of eighty-five on January 28, 1912. His work, nevertheless, is vigorous, judicious and discriminating." and quotes him under California and Scotland.

Thanks for the kindly comment, whether we deserve it or not.

Comp. Samuel L. Shirley, M., E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Calvin W. Prather, R., E., Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

59TH ANNUAL—DAVENPORT—OCTOBER, 1912.

Comp. George A. Riemcke, M., E., Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 127. Number represented, 91. Membership, 12,044. Net gain, 426.

An engraved portrait of the Grand High Priest graces the first page of this beautifully printed volume.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a thorough going business paper, dealing squarely with existing conditions.

He had granted ten dispensations which he had an undoubted right to issue, but had refused five, and very properly, too—one of these last was a request for permission to ballot out of time. Reason given for refusal: "No authority." Good.

Another was for permission to receive and ballot on petition at the same meeting. Yet another was a request for permission to receive a petition at a Special Convocation.

The following refusal was proper and interesting:

"January 15, 1912, to Clinton Chapter No. 9, to exemplify the Royal Arch degree on a class of twenty-five or thirty Most Excellent Masters. This no doubt would have been a most excellent class, but as they had not reached that state of excellency which would entitle them to such preferment, the dispensation was refused, such procedure being in violation of the laws, usages, and customs of the Order, and particularly of the obligation."

It is refreshing to find a Grand High Priest, or Grand Master endowed with back-bone stiff enough to hold Lodges or Chapters down to the law.

The Grand High Priest recommended that the Jurisprudence Committee be requested to formulate a new Section (209) of the laws of Grand Chapter, to cover matters on which those laws are silent, suggesting adoption of Grand Lodge laws on such subjects.

The ten grants of dispensation and the five refusals of dispensations as well as the five decisions reported by the Grand High Priest—all of them—commend themselves to our unqualified approval.

The Committee on Chapters U. D., whose report was adopted, had no business to report on.

On M. E. Comp. Wm. F. Cleveland's recommendation, recognition was heartily extended to the Grand Chapter of Utah.

The Trustees of the Grand Chapter Charity Fund report having had three applications during the past year, and that after investigation into the merits of the same, they had given the applicants relief to the amount of \$200.00.

The Trustees recommended relief to eleven cases to the extent of \$695.00. Their financial report included cash on hand, \$3,860.58. Securities on hand, \$19,592.37.

The Jurisprudence Committee sustained all the G. H. P.'s grants of dispensations, all his refusals of dispensations, and all his decisions besides his recommendation of a new section to fit cases on which at present the law is silent.

Report adopted.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected twenty-six eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The fact that the Report on Correspondence is from the facile pen of M. E. Comp. Wm. F. Cleveland is sufficient guaranty of its excellence.

Briefly and ably he summarized the proceedings of our own Grand Chapter.

His animadversions on wholesale dispensations for railroading candidates we cannot find fault with, for personally, our views on the subject coincide with his. Like Companion Cleveland, we know of no "dire necessity" for that hurry-up business.

He does the writer great honor in his reference to the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence. His words:

"We regard him as one of the best Correspondents of the Guild," make eminent the dire necessity of buying a larger hat. Companions, of Alabama, don't you think there is danger of "swell-head?" All the same we are grateful to Comp. C. for his good opinion.

The following, under Canada, points in the right direction:

"From the report of the Committee on Capitular Masonry we learn that the official visitation of Chapters throughout the entire domain of Canada has been most general. In Manitoba all the Chapters were officially visited, in Alberta all but one, in Kootenay all of them, in Saskatchewan all of them, and in British Columbia all but two were visited. It will thus be seen that out of the forty-one Chapters west of the great lakes only three have not received a visit from a Grand Superintendent. Such a faithful discharge of official duty is putting new life into the Chapters and substantial results are being made, as shown by the growth in membership. We look for a continued period of growth and development throughout the territory of our northern neighbors, for Masonry will continue to grow with the country, and in a few years the Grand Chapter of Canada will be numbered with the largest Grand Chapters of the entire country."

Under Connecticut occurs the following on the subject of rail-roading candidates:

"The Committee on Jurisprudence reluctantly approved of the Grand High Priest's action in granting dispensations, and thus expressed its views. 'That dispensations should be asked for and granted only in cases of the direst necessity.' We fail to appreciate a situation when the permission to ballot upon petitions ever becomes a dire necessity. We know of Grand Chapters that have not permitted the ballot upon petitions out of time for the past twenty years, and yet they have grown and prospered to a remarkable degree."

It is a distinct pleasure to find oneself in so general agreement with our Iowa contemporary, but we have reached the danger line in consumption of space, and must stop.

Comp. Cromwell Bowen, M., E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Alf Wingate, R., E., Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

48TH ANNUAL—WICHITA—FEBRUARY, 1913.

The frontispiece of this volume is a portrait of the good-looking Comp. Harry E. Best, M., E., Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters, 93. Members, 9,409. Net gain, 293.

To our regret we find that our Representative was not reported present with the others who were at their posts of duty.

In the address of the Grand High Priest the fraternal dead are lovingly remembered—notably E., Comp. Wm. H. Voeth. Needless to say that he was greatly missed, for to know him was to love him.

In his notice of the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter at Savannah, Ga., he notes the promotion of Comp. Bestor G. Brown, of Kansas, to the office of G. G. C. of the H., also the advancement of Comp. Banks, of Georgia, who, he says, was one of the prominent speakers of the session. We endorse any good thing said of Comp. Banks.

The Grand High Priest had granted dispensations for organizing two new Chapters.

As to visitations, he had responded to every invitation from a constituent Chapter.

He had issued twelve special dispensations. In every case the fee was exacted except where, in his opinion, it would be unjust.

He recommended such amendment to the Constitution as would effect consolidation of the Committees on Charters and on Dispensations and abolish the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, and on Rituals and Ceremonies, their duties to be imposed upon the Jurisprudence Committee.

Decisions:

Query: A petitioner for the Capitular degrees was born and reared within the jurisdiction of a Chapter, claimed his legal residence there, and voted accordingly. While absent from home during the summer, he petitioned and received the Symbolic degrees in Oklahoma? Has his home Chapter jurisdiction?

Answer: Yes. The fact that he received the Symbolic degrees in another Grand Jurisdiction does not change his legal residence.

Another inquiry, although made plain by a reference to paragraph 63 of the Grand Chapter By-Laws, but coming as it does from several different Chapters, prompts me to report my answer here.

Query: A brother who is engaged in the ministry, school teacher, Y. M. C. A. Secretary, or a similar vocation, has taken up his residence within the jurisdiction of our Chapter. Can we consider him a sojourner and receive his petition?

Answer: No. Moving from one jurisdiction to another does not constitute a sojourner, and cannot be so considered."

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand in the General Fund was \$4,910.29; in the Charity Fund, \$2,971.00 .

Comp. Albert K. Wilson is a first-class Grand Secretary and no mistake.

We note in his report that Comp. Henry B. Sparks had received his commission as Representative of Alabama near the Grand Chapter of Kansas.

In the report of the Committee on Reports of Grand Officers, we observe that while the Committee commended the work of the District Deputies as a body, it favored censure of one of the number who had paid no attention to communications from headquarters, not even acknowledging receipt of his commission. Common courtesy should have impelled that D. D. to act differently.

The following paragraph in said report calls up the shade of Oliver Wendell Holmes, who said that a jury which should convict a printer of murder of the English language, would merit universal applause:

"Your Committee desires to congratulate the Grand High Priest and the Craft upon his numerous official visits, and approve his words of commendation in acknowledgment of courtesies thus received. The fact that he has accepted and visited every Chapter from whom he had an official invitation is the BEST evidence of a faithful discharge of his duties, notwithstanding his manifest disappointment as to the extent of correspondence of his office."

All the same, we recommend this one for pardon.

\$5,000.00 was donated from the Charity Fund and the General Fund to the Endowment Fund of the Kansas Masonic Home.

The well-written report on Necrology was adopted by a rising vote.

There was no business before the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the Grand High Priest's decisions as correct declarations of existing laws.

His recommendation as to the cast of Standing Committees was also approved by the Committee.

Under instructions the Committee formulated a standing regulation giving District Deputies the rank of Past Grand King, during their term of office.

We suppose the object is to assign them definite places in processions and ceremonials, and to ensure them more consideration at the hands of the Chapters visited.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted.

The customary P. G. H. P.'s jewel was voted to the retiring G. H. P.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood in Annual Convention, elected twenty-six eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

It is with real pleasure we note that the Report on Correspondence is again presented by that gallant knight of the quill, Companion Matthew M. Miller, who enters the lists with easy, graceful gait—armed and equipped, and while not seeking a quarrel, ready for encounter with any or all who may oppose him.

The subject of his review of Alabama is now almost ancient history (1911), but the writer feels honored by Comp. Miller's devotion of nearly two pages to the former's report.

For his kind reference to our "plea for indulgence toward an imperfect report on account of protracted sickness," he will please accept our hearty thanks. (We wonder how the most exalted "C." ever keeps order.)

Under Canada we find the following.

(Comp. Bennett and Comp. Miller do not need our help.)

"This Comp. Bennett paraphrases very loosely in the following:

'The Kansas writer ventured the opinion that England paid more attention to disclosing in type its financial condition than furnishing statistics as to membership increase or otherwise.'

Then from his own paraphrase as a basis, he remarks:

'The inference that there is no "otherwise" is gathered from Comp. Foster's rejoinder: 'It is true that the English reports contain a great amount of figures, but these are mostly regarding the numerous benevolent funds that they support so liberally. Whilst they are not very interesting reading, they show the Masonic spirit that pervades that country.'"

We do not see how the 'man in buckram,' Mr. 'Otherwise' gets into this discussion. We have nothing but praise for our British cousins for their benevolences, and for their ability as accountants in caring for them. Our original statement was: "So far as their records disclose they seem to be indifferent to any knowledge as to increase or loss in membership." 'Otherwise' does not have a look in on any question of Masonic spirit, because our attention has been called by one province in England to the fact that the contributing members bore proportion to the non-contributing in the ratio of five to twenty, making the Masonic spirit in the instance named such that no criterion could be formed supporting a theory that there had been no decrease or loss in membership. In other words, the Masonic spirit was there, but one-fifth of the membership had all of it.

Comp. Bennett adds a further screed, the gist of which is contained in the following: 'The Craft of the old land has never suggested dependent membership, and never will.'

That is all right; we concur in that, and go further; we believe that every Masonic tub should stand on its own bottom, and if it is so structurally weak as to be unable to stand alone, it should be permitted to assume its proper place as corpse, and permit the procession to move on."

As to the last sentence, we disagree with both Companions. The main tub is the symbolic tub, without it, the others could not come into existence.

Comp. Miller quotes with approval Comp. Foster, who thus delivers himself under "Alabama":

"Colorado receives kind recognition, but because we endorsed what he is pleased to call a 'fad' of displaying 'Old Glory' in the Chapter

room, he is surprised, as in his opinion no emblem should be displayed which would not be proper in any country where true Masonry obtains. If we look upon the use of the flag as emphasizing that great Masonic principle of being true to the government in which we live, it then becomes a symbol of our teaching and worthy of a place in the Lodge room.

We believe in patriotism, and believe it cannot be too strongly instilled into the hearts of the young or too often called to the attention of the citizen. Take our own case, born and trained on the tight little island, imbued with its history and traditions, even now, after our forty years in Colorado, the strains of 'America' develop at once a desire to rise and sing the old, old words, 'God save our gracious Queen,' and then the old patriotism joins with the new. We, therefore, say let there be displayed in every land its special emblem—'Old Glory' in the United States, the 'Union Jack' in England and her colonies, and the flag of every other country in its proper environment."

Your patriotism is all right, Companions, but Freemasonry is not confined to any one Country; its universality is everywhere recognized.

If you are true to the principles of Masonry, you will be true to your country. There may be different nationalities in the Lodge, hence to flaunt 'Old Glory' in the faces of foreigners, in such case, is not right.

Comp. Elrick C. Cole, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Albert K. Wilson, R. E., Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

95TH ANNUAL—LOUISVILLE—OCTOBER, 1912.

Number of Chapters, 107. Members, 9,050. Net gain, 396.

Comp. David W. Gray, M. E., Grand High Priest.

That our Representative was present at the Convocation under review is a source of pleasure to us.

The Grand High Priest in his address made special mention of two illustrious Companions lately deceased, viz: Grand Secretary Henry Bannister Grant and Henry G. Sandifer.

In course of his tribute to M. E., Comp. Grant, he said:

"In the death of Companion Grant this Grand Chapter lost its hardest worker and most efficient officer, and it is no reflection on any one to affirm it is impossible, in all ways, to fill his vacant chair. The years of experience of Companion Grant, his wonderful

store of Masonic information, his judicial mind, above all, his kindly disposition and the habit of considering all questions from every viewpoint before expressing his opinion, made that opinion much sought for and valued when obtained."

He also made feeling announcement of the death of General Grand Secretary R. E. Christopher G. Fox.

In Kentucky the Grand High Priest can render decisions only in cases of appeal. M. E. Comp. Gray reported no decisions, but did give the following opinion:

"My opinion has been asked in a few minor matters, and I have held that the by-laws of a subordinate Chapter and any amendment thereto become effective when adopted by the Chapter, and do not remain in abeyance until after approval by the Committee on By-Laws of the Grand Chapter, provided they contain nothing that conflicts with some law, rule or regulation of the Grand Chapter, in which event they would be illegal and any action taken thereunder null and void.

That the examination of the proposed High Priest, King and Scribe for new Chapters can not be held before a Committee but must be held in open Chapter, but that to insist that they should all three be capable of conferring all the Capitular degrees is unfair and if insisted upon would prove detrimental to the best interest of the Craft.

That upon a dispensation being granted to a new Chapter the provisional limits filed with the petition should be surrendered by the Grand Secretary to the new Chapter and remain a part of its permanent records.

That a Companion from without the jurisdiction of the United States who has received the Mark Master and Royal Arch degrees, applying for membership with a Chapter, must be given the degrees of Past Master and Most Excellent Master before his application can be received and that he may be given those degrees or take the several obligations to the end that he may be healed—and that for this service—it is not necessary that any fee be charged."

He had made several visitations, which were very pleasant for him, and profitable to the Chapters visited.

At the close of the fiscal year the balance cash in hand was the sum of \$7,428.23.

Due and well-merited honor was paid by Grand Chapter to its own member, Comp. Bernard G. Witt, elected at the last Triennial of the General Grand Chapter, as General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

We have not room for all the details of the report made by the Committee on "Our Home," but learn from that report that the

institution is in splendid condition and under first-class management. 186 boys at this Home are receiving such training as will make them useful members of society.

The following extract from the report of the Committee will convey a good idea of conditions at this pioneer Masonic Home in America:

"Your committee on Our Homes has made an investigation of this institution along the following lines: Ventilation, sanitation, heat and light; plumbing and sewerage; beds and dormitories; food and clothing; medical department; course of study including manual training, shoe shop, Masonic Home Journal and Printing Office; sewing department; qualifications of Superintendent T. J. Adams. We have visited the Home several times and beg to submit the following report:

The entire Institution is well lighted and properly heated; the ventilation and sanitary conditions are excellent; the sewerage is good and the plumbing is in fair condition, but much new plumbing will be installed in a short time.

The Institution is kept scrupulously clean and home-like and the general living conditions are excellent; the food is well cooked and wholesome and of sufficient variety; the children are neatly and properly clad; the dormitories and beds are in splendid condition. I visited the dormitories occupied by the children at different times where one hundred and eighty-six boys sleep, all in separate beds. Although the dormitories are full they are not congested, but for the fact that a new building with dormitories is under construction, congestion at an early date would be inevitable."

The Committee on Necrology presented beautiful memorials of Henry Bannister Grant and Henry G. Sandifer.

The Jurisprudence Committee had no decisions to report on, but did report on the "opinions" of the Grand High Priest, and approved the same. The Committee's report thereon was adopted.

No Convention of High Priests.

This neat volume is without an Index.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on "Doings of Grand Chapters" is presented by M. E. Comp. Wm. W. Clarke, who devotes seventy-four pages to his review of Grand Chapters; making brief comment and judicious selections.

Alabama, 1911, receives a page of courteous notice. The reviewer quotes with approval Grand High Priest William E. Bingham's decision on the conferring of the Chapter degrees on a single Past Master Mason, on request from Kentucky. It was right.

Comp. Clarke will please accept the writer's grateful thanks for kind wishes.

From the supplement to his "Conclusion" we learn with regret that he leaves the Round Table.

Here is what he says:

"NON SUM QUALIS ERAM."

"Since the foregoing report was written, the Grand Chapter of Kentucky has held its Annual Convocation, and the Grand High Priest has appointed another Committee on Doings of Other Grand Chapters, Past Grand High Priest, Harry Bailey. In taking leave of the Companions who have labored with him for so long in this field of endeavor, and whom he has learned to know and to appreciate, the writer wishes in a very personal manner to express his sincere thanks to them for their unfailing courtesy and for the words uniformly of commendation they have spoken of his work, and to commend to them his successor. *Au revoir*, Companions. This is less formal than 'good-bye.'

W. W. CLARKE."

Comp. John C. Worsham, M.°, E.°, Grand High Priest.

Comp. Howard R. French, R.°, E.°, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

66TH ANNUAL—NEW ORLEANS—FEBRUARY, 1913.

Chartered Chapters, 34. U. D., 1. Members, 3,386. Gain in membership, 194.

Comp. H. F. Rugan, M.°, E.°, Grand High Priest.

We are pleased to note that our Representative was one of the thirty-three Grand Representatives present.

From the address of the Grand High Priest it is learned that he had granted seven dispensations for various purposes—one for the formation of a new Chapter.

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance on hand was the sum of \$4,752.33.

In his excellent report, Grand Secretary Richard Lambert says of a certain Chapter U. D.:

"This Chapter has done excellent work during the year, having conferred 64 Degrees and having now 35 members on roll. All fees are paid. From my experience with the members of this Chapter on Masonic lines, I have come to expect nothing from them but high-class and effective work, and it is safe to say that another star

has been added that will shed lustre upon the Grand Chapter of Louisiana and serve as an example to the Brethren in other locations. I cheerfully add my endorsement to their petition."

On recommendation of the Committee on Constituent Chapters, a Charter was granted to one Chapter U. D.

On favorable report from the Correspondence Committee the action of the Grand High Priest in regard to the appointment and reception of Representatives was approved.

The Committee on Necrology made brief report.

The M. E. Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected twelve eligible Companions to the Order.

No review of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Comp. Will Moss, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Richard Lambert (P. G. H. P.) R. E., Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

88TH ANNUAL—PORTLAND—MAY, 1913.

Comp. Charles B. Davis, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Chartered working Chapters, 63. U. D., 1. Membership, 10,151. Net gain, 234. Number making returns, 64. Number represented, 55.

Alabama's Representative was not reported present, to our regret.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a good paper. So well thought and well expressed is the last paragraph of his exordium that we quote it:

"Standing for the time being at the head of that institution, I therefore welcome you to this eighty-eighth annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maine. You, who are the officers and members of your respective Chapters; you who occupy the chairs of honor in this Grand Body; you who by your past labors have become permanent members here; and especially do I welcome here those of you who represent the Grand Chapters of our sister Jurisdictions, for you, Excellent Companions, by the commissions which you hold, represent that harmony and good will which extends beyond our borders and binds us into an almost world-wide companionship of love and affection for our fellow-men. Time whirls on; customs and fashions ceaselessly change; the mad race for dollars, fame and pleasure is ever engrossing our attentions, but Masonry stands to-day as it has stood for ages, quietly performing its mission; teaching us as it has taught those who have gone before us, Faith in Mankind."

One Chapter had been constituted by the G. H. P. He recommended a Charter for another Chapter. He had issued no dispensations for new Chapters.

Under the head of "Decisions" we find the following:

"I have been called upon to render but one decision:

A member of an English Lodge of Mark Masters having resided for one year in this state, has a right to apply for the remaining degrees of the Chapter, filing his dimit from the English Lodge with his application; and if accepted, to receive the degrees of Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason, paying therefor the fees prescribed by the By-Laws of the Chapter for those degrees, and become a member.

And supplementary to this:

A member of an English Lodge of Mark Masters has a right to sit in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons when opened in the Mark Master Mason's degree."

We raise no objection to the foregoing.

The G. H. P. had granted nine dispensations—the greater part of them being for election and installation of officers.

In response to G. H. P., B. G. Witt's telegram on behalf of the Flood Sufferers he had directed the Grand Treasurer to forward a check for \$250.00 to the person indicated.

The M. E. is very enthusiastic over the G. G. C., and pays well-merited compliment to our Indiana Companions and Brethren for their hospitality.

The Grand High Priest had made ten official visits, which seem to have been highly satisfactory. He applies the term "splendid," "faultless" to the conferring of the degrees in his presence.

As the guest of his own Chapter at Waterville, he saw the R. A. degree conferred "in a manner which made me feel proud of my own Chapter."

His pride in his own Chapter was not lessened by its presentation to him of a beautiful P. G. H. P.'s jewel.

The reports of the D. G. H. P., G. K. and G. S. were quite full and for the most part encouraging. Though one small Chapter cannot feel very proud of its experience under the inspection of the D. G. H. P. the reports of the District Deputies were, on the whole, very satisfactory.

The Grand Treasurer's balance to new account was the sum of \$3,427.35.

Comp. Wm. D. Patterson, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, after stating that an amicable solution of the difficulties between the Grand Chapter of Western Australia and the Grand Chapter of Scotland had been reached, offered a resolution recognizing the Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australia and inviting interchange of Representatives.

Report accepted and resolution adopted.

Comp. Patterson also made report on Memorials, which was accepted and ordered printed.

Furthermore Comp. Patterson submitted his Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence, which was accepted and permission was given to add to it.

On recommendation of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, the decision of the Grand High Priest, which related to the standing of an English Mark Master in a Maine R. A. Chapter was adopted.

The Council of the Order of High Priesthood received and anointed twenty-four eligible Companions into the Order.

R.'. E.'. Comp. Stephen Berry enjoys the distinction of having been elected Recorder for the fiftieth successive year. Unique in R. A. Masonry.

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Comp. Wm. P. Patterson writes his first Report on Correspondence, reviewing sixty-two Grand Bodies, including the General Grand Chapter, and does his work so well that one may look for big things from his pen in future.

Alabama, 1912, receives very kind notice.

We quote:

"These proceedings, received 29th January, open with a cut of the fine head of the M.'. E.'. G. H. P., Lawrence H. Lee, a native of Alabama, where, to quote from the biographical sketch printed with his portrait:

'He has served the Fraternity and the State with conspicuous zeal and ability in every office to which he has been elected and is a man of fine attainments and brilliant intellect.'"

Comp. Patterson's commendation of M.'. E.'. Lawrence H. Lee is well merited.

He is so kind as to say of the writer:

"Although this is one of the older Grand Chapters it is still distinguished for having in its service a member of its own age, for we believe that E. C. Comp. William Yates Titcomb, who writes its Report on Foreign Correspondence, has seen the same four score and six years that his Grand Chapter has; but that his heart is still young we have evidence in his remark, under Maryland, that 'Comp. Fulkerson's flashes of wit and humor shimmer and sparkle like the diamonds on my lady's bodice, as she sails through the mazes of the dance, after the manner of the Commodore's flagship at the head of the squadron.'"

He appends a complimentary remark or two.

But glancing over the body of Comp. Patterson's Report at this late hour, (our Grand Chapter convenes next Monday, December 1st), it is matter for real regret that shortness of time does not admit of our doing Comp. Patterson anything like justice respecting the quality of his review.

Comp. Frank J. Cole, M. C. E. C. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Stephen Berry, R. C. E. C. Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

115TH ANNUAL—BALTIMORE—NOVEMBER, 1912.

Number of Chapters, 24. Membership, 3,692. Net increase, 170.

Comp. Chas. B. Finley, M. C. E. C. Grand High Priest.

There was one chair in the Grand Council vacant—R. C. E. C. Charles E. Postley, Grand Scribe, having lately died.

As we gladly note, Comp. Eitel, our Representative, was at his post.

After devout recognition of the Great I Am, in opening his address, the Grand High Priest, in fitting terms, announced the death of the R. C. E. C. Grand Scribe, Charles E. Postley.

He had granted four dispensations: One to elect Scribe and Treasurer at the stated Convocation December 19th, as the officers elected at regular election had declined to serve. One to hold election of officers for ensuing year on account of no quorum at regular time. Another to vote on applications at a special Convocation, May 6th, which should take the place of the regular Convocation, May 14th. The fourth dispensation permitted the holding of a special Convocation to ballot on the petitions of two candidates, and if either or both were elected to confer the M. M., P. M. and

M. E. M. degrees at the same Convocation, notice thereof to sundry Chapters interested required to be given.

Under side head of "Decisions" we find the following:

"Owing to the injury to our good Companion George H. Rogers, who for many years has acted as amanuensis to Companion E. T. Schultz, in the preparation of the Report on Correspondence, it was necessary to employ a stenographer to aid Companion Schultz in his blindness. Companion Rogers continued the work of examining and marking the proceedings of other Jurisdictions while confined to his bed in a plaster cast, and Mrs. Hazel P. Kleff served faithfully as amanuensis in his stead. I recommend that she be suitably compensated for her efficient services.

The following request was received by me from one of our subordinate Chapters: "Kindly advise if we have to pay per capita tax on non-contributing members, or life members?"

In reply I referred them to Article VI, Sec. 2, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, under which all subordinate Chapters are required to pay to the Grand Chapter a per capita tax for every member, and added, 'there is no exemption of non-contributing, or life members.' I can hardly call this a 'decision' of mine. I merely referred to the Constitution, but do not know how else to class it."

A touching memorial of the late Grand Scribe, Companion Chas. E. Postley is incorporated in this address.

The Grand Lecturer made a very encouraging report of his visitations to sixteen Chapters. Also the Board of Inspectors reported most favorably on conditions in the Baltimore Chapters.

The Grand Treasurer's report of the balance on hand, November 21, 1912, was \$7,193.13.

The Committee on Conference reported all the 24 Chapters as having made returns and paid dues.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers approved the dispensations of the Grand High Priest, also his recommendations, which were of local interest only.

The Annual Convocation of the Council of M., E., High Priests elected fifteen eligible Companions to the Order.

Regretfully we approach the Report on

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because as we write these lines the author of that report has been dead several weeks.

Not long since, Comp. Schultz wrote in one of his reports that the writer, Davies of California, Matthews of Texas and himself, com-

posed the quartette of Octogenarians in the Guild. The advent of Christopher Diehl, of Utah, made it a quintette. Afterwards, the dying of Matthews and Diehl reduced it to a triplet, which it remains in consequence of the coming of James Southgate of North Carolina, and the going of Edward T. Schultz, of Maryland.

Companion Schultz was born nearly seven months later than the writer, and was made a Mason about one year later than the writer—in this year of Our Lord, almost sixty years ago. Surely, Almighty God has been very merciful to us.

We quote from the "In Memoriam" so kindly sent us, the following:

"No more fitting conclusion to this paper could be employed than to repeat his own words in submitting his last Annual Report on Correspondence to the Grand Lodge: 'If this be my final conclusion, may it also be my benediction to my Brethren and Companions of the Corps, my good friends in and out of the Fraternity, and to all good Masons wheresoever dispersed.'"

This report by Companion Schultz is in no particular inferior to the masterly ones that preceded it.

Alabama, 1911, is courteously and fraternally reviewed briefly.

The writer treasures Comp. Schultz's very kind expressions personal to himself.

Our dear Companion is no longer the victim of physical blindness. He is gone to the regions of celestial light. Peace to his soul.

Comp. Gustav A. Eitel, M.°, E.°, Grand High Priest.

Comp. John H. Miller, R.°, E.°, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

114TH ANNUAL—BOSTON—DECEMBER, 1912.

Comp. Charles D. Burrage, M.°, E.°, Grand High Priest.

The initial page presents a portrait of M.°, E.°, Comp. Burrage—a good, strong face.

With peculiar pleasure we note that our Representative was ever at his post.

The Grand High Priest said in his Annual Address:

"The Grand Representative of the following Grand Chapters have attended every Convocation of this Grand Chapter during the years

1910, 1911, 1912, to date: Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Nebraska, Quebec."

Number of Chapters, 82. Members, 22,629.

Two Special Convocations had been held for the purpose of constituting as many Chapters.

The March, June and September stated Quarterlies, the transactions of which are here recorded, present much of interest, but at this late hour we pass to the Annual Convocation, which was opened December 10, 1912.

Several distinguished Masons were received and welcomed, notably the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

The Grand High Priest had issued fourteen dispensations, fifty per cent of which were to waive time in conferring degrees, but the M. E. deprecates the practice.

If Brethren and Companions are in such a hurry to get into the Shrine, they are not likely to make good Masons.

The Grand High Priest's recommendation that Grand Chapter adopt a banner, was not concurred in.

Several impressive memorials of distinguished Companions deceased were presented in Grand Chapter.

On recommendation of the Committee on Grand High Priest's address his decisions and dispensations were approved.

A very fine address on the "Meaning and Symbolism of Capitular Masonry," beautifully illustrated, and delivered by M. E. Comp. Burrage, appears in this volume.

The Massachusetts Convention of High Priests elected twenty-five eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Comp. Frederick T. Comee, who furnishes an able review of the proceedings of fifty-one Grand Chapters.

While we regretfully part company with conservative and clear-headed Companion Gilman Waite, we heartily felicitate Comp. Comee on his conspicuous fitness to wear Comp. Waite's reportorial mantle.

Alabama, 1911, is generously accorded nearly five pages of courteous notice.

Referring to a ruling of Grand High Priest Wm. E. Bingham, he says:

"A Chapter in Kentucky asked a Chapter in Alabama to confer the degrees on a Brother who had lost a foot, the Brother having been elected to receive the degrees in the Kentucky Chapter before removal to Alabama. The Alabama Chapter inquired as to the legality of complying with the request. The Grand High Priest, without ruling on the eligibility of the candidate, decided that through courtesy for and on behalf of the Kentucky Chapter, it was legal to comply with the request.

We believe the application should have gone through the Grand High Priests of the two Jurisdictions and not have passed through subordinate Chapters."

Don't agree with you, Companion.

We have no disposition to dispute about free passes for Ministers from Babylon to Jerusalem.

Comp. Comee tosses the writer so fragrant a nosegay that our Alabama Companions must get a sniff of it. Here it is:

"Excellent Companion William Y. Titcomb commences his Report on Foreign Correspondence by craving indulgence for shortcomings, because, after having begun his reviews, he became sick and was for several weeks confined in a hospital, and then gives one hundred and twenty-one pages of excellent reading. We wonder what he would have done had he not been sick."

For which we make as profound a salaam as we can make without losing our balance.

Comp. Comee calls our attention to the fact that, in Massachusetts they have no arrested Charters; no defunct Chapters; no failures to secure a quorum for Convocations, etc.

A very fine record, and so far as we recollect at this moment—unique.

Comp. Eugene A. Holton, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. J. Gilman Waite, R. E., Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

65TH ANNUAL—SAGINAW—JUNE, 1913.

Comp. James H. Thompson, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Number of Chartered Chapters, 151. Membership, 23,462. Net gain for year, 980.

Largest Chapter, King Cyrus No. 133, at Detroit, 1,268 members.

This volume, finely executed, is handsomely embellished with a view of the members of Grand Chapter, covering two pages, as well as with the strong face of G. H. P. Comp. Thompson, on the initial page.

Grand Secretary Conover gets out a splendid volume of proceedings.

We make no apology for extracting from the G. H. P.'s address the following:

The mysteries of Masonry are fascinating to the members of the fraternity, possessing new charms and unfolding new beauties as a knowledge of its origin and teachings become more clearly understood.

Much of this fascination is due to the antiquity of our Order and the fact that it is recognized as being unique in that its teachings, founded on ancient traditions, are so essentially modern in their application.

To maintain its present standing, to secure its vigorous existence and extend its benefits, much depends upon the vigilance with which we watch over its concerns, and the means employed to preserve its Ancient Landmarks from innovation, and its principles from corruption. Many of us were born with a love of Masonry in our hearts, and its imperfections, if such there be, are as dear as its perfections, but to hold fast to the Ancient Landmarks in this day of change and innovations is a man's job. I feel peculiarly favored in being the grandson of a member of the Royal Craft who suffered dismissal from his church rather than renounce Masonry, and it is my distinguished honor to wear today the apron which he wore as H. P. of Vernon Chapter, N. Y., in the days when it required courage to be a Mason.

He was summoned before the Baptist Church of Vernon, of which he was an active member, and asked to renounce Masonry. On his refusal, he was expelled from the church.

One of my earliest boyhood recollections is that of seeing my father take this old sash and apron from the little wooden chest in which they were kept, and after exhibiting them on formal occasions, carefully fold and replace them, to be shown again on rare occasions to those who for some reason then unknown to me seemed to be interested. They possessed a peculiar fascination, and the

many expressions of admiration which they called forth indicated that they were something unusual and of peculiar value. I learned that my father had no right to wear the apron and wondered if I might ever learn enough about the secrets relating to it that I might wear it as grandfather had done. Thus early was the desire to receive light in Masonry born in my boyish heart. A desire which has grown with the years, and today the mysteries and charms of Masonry appeal to my imagination as never before."

The following heading to his obituary notice of the late P. G. H. P., Comp. Wm. S. Turck, appeals to the thoughtful:

"While in the vigor of mature manhood, our minds engrossed with the cares and anxieties of our various vocations, it is difficult to comprehend that the angel of death is ever hovering near, but should we strain the ear and listen intently, we can imagine at any time that we hear the beating of his wings. Fortunately for our happiness, our ears are dulled to the sound and we go about our manifold duties unconscious of his presence although knowing that sooner or later he will knock at our door-post and bid us go out from the home life, the business, the joys and the sorrows to receive further light in the mysteries of human existence."

The M. E. had constituted one Chapter and for reasons deemed good and sufficient, he had granted seven special dispensations.

Under "Decisions" he answered a question as to the right of a Chapter to confer the Capitular degrees on a Master Mason who has lost his right hand, as follows:

"The digest of decisions as to qualifications of candidates, page 99 of the Red Book, makes it very clear that a Brother who has lost his right hand cannot receive the degrees of the Chapter. I think the law should be changed to conform to Blue Lodge regulations—and so recommend."

Under the heading, "Foreign Jurisdictions, the G. H. P. said what will be readily understood, viz: "Let the 'Red Tape' be continued, not as an annoyance, but as a safe-guard." We do not entirely agree, but let the matter pass at present.

He was duly appreciative of the sufferings from the disastrous Ohio Valley flood.

He recommended care in the selection of a place for next meeting. He also recommended purchase of new, handsomer and less weighty jewels for the officers.

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance was the sum of \$15,646.37.

Grand Secretary Conover's report is full and comprehensive.

The Grand Lecturer made an elaborate report covering ten and one-half pages.

The Trustees of the Masonic Home Reported the sale of some Masonic Home property in Kent County for \$23,000.00. Covered into the Treasury.

Comp. Charles A. Conover presented his Correspondence Report. Ordered published with the proceedings.

In view of the increase in the Grand Treasurer's cash balance, an amendment to the Constitution was offered, reducing the per capita dues from 50c to 25c—referred to Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee, whose report was adopted, recommended that the per capita dues be 35c. The report of the Committee was of local interest only.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations a dispensation to form a new Chapter was granted to twenty Companions at Inlay City.

The Committee on Obituary well discharged its sad duty.

The Association of P. G. H. P.'s held its third annual meeting. Fourteen of the twenty-one living P. G. H. P.'s were present. They enjoyed an eight-course dinner.

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests held its Fifty-Third Annual and elected nine eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The well-constructed "Annual Review of Capitular Masonry" is again presented by Grand Secretary, Comp. Chas. A. Conover. He has the happy faculty of expressing himself so clearly as not to be misunderstood.

His brief introduction—slightly facetious—is nevertheless to the point.

Alabama, 1912, is generously given four pages of fraternal notice.

Grand High Priest, Comp. Lawrence H. Lee is highly complimented, and free quotation is accorded in two full pages of the reviewer's space.

He says:

"Grand Secretary Beauchamp makes a good report."

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He practically conceded that the erroneous figures, "1899 to 1911" for *one volume* of proceedings, were the printer's and not the Grand Secretary's mistake.

To the subject of not giving *full names* to members, he refers critically, but must learn that Comp. Beauchamp has been animadverting on that matter ever since he assumed the duties of his office.

Comp. Conover is kind and polite to the writer of the Alabama Correspondence Report, according to him about two-thirds of a page—but we must hasten to the printer.

Comp. John H. Kingsley, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Charles A. Conover, R. E., Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

51ST ANNUAL—ST. PAUL—OCTOBER, 1912.

Comp. James G. Houghton, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters, 70. U. D., 3. Membership, 8,539. Net gain, 235.

Portrait, Grand High Priest Houghton.

All the Chapters, save one, had made returns.

The address of the Grand High Priest is an admirable document. He renders such a report of his administration as must have impressed his Companions with his earnestness and zeal in the cause of Capitular Masonry and faithful discharge of his duties. Furthermore, they must have realized that he is no waster of words.

Under "Visitations" the Grand High Priest mentions a reception given by a Chapter in honor of General Grand High Priest, Comp. Nathan Kingsley, after which the R. A. Degree was conferred, every station being filled by a Past Grand High Priest. So far as the M. E. knew, something unique in the United States.

Dispensations had been granted for three new Chapters; one Chapter had been constituted.

Six special dispensations had been issued for installing officers or for electing and installing officers.

One Chapter had to pay the forfeit of being erased from the roll of Chapters for gross and persistent delinquency. Served them right.

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance was the sum of \$6,956.24.

Comp. John Fishel is a model Grand Secretary.

All the reports of the Jurisprudence Committee were adopted. One of them reads as follows:

"Section 2. The yearly dues shall be \$2.00 in advance, at the beginning of each year, and any member who shall have paid dues for ten years consecutively shall be exempt from dues so long as he remains a member of this Chapter. This exemption, however, shall not apply to those who petition after December 1, 1912."

Comp. Irving Todd made his Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence, which was ordered printed with the proceedings.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of Utah.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations Charters were granted to three Chapters U. D. The Charter of the grossly delinquent Chapter was revoked, and it was ordered that Brethren and Companions on whom degrees had been unlawfully conferred, be "healed."

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests elected ten Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again presented by Comp. Irving Todd (to whom we humbly apologize for once having asked him a silly question relating to sweetmeats and his mother's cupboard).

Comp. Todd writes a condensed report—concise—very concise, but good.

Alabama, 1911, receives nearly one page of courteous mention.

Comp. Todd does not seem to favor free passes for ministers all the way to Jerusalem.

We take pleasure in adding our modest flower to the beautiful bouquet he throws to Comp. Herbert Harris, of Maine.

Listen:

"The Report on Foreign Correspondence, by Comp. Herbert Harris, is a well digested paper, and we are sorry to see that it is the last of ten, being relieved from arduous duty at his own request. He will be greatly missed by the Craft."

Comp. William Strafford, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. John Fishel, R. E., Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

65TH ANNUAL—GULFPORT—FEBRUARY, 1913.

Comp. Harry T. Howard, M. E., Grand High Priest.

The fine face of Comp. Wm. A. Johns, Grand High Priest-elect, appears on the first page of this volume.

Number of Chapters, 77. Represented, 73. Members, 4,327. Net gain, 58.

To our regret, Alabama had no Representative present at this Convocation.

From the address of the Grand High Priest we learn that he had granted three special dispensations—two of these, on recommendation of the Grand Lecturer, to elect candidates and confer degrees during the Grand Lecturer's visit. The M. E. said:

"All other dispensations I refused, not being partial to the idea of special dispensations to rush candidates through our beautiful degrees."

No decisions were reported.

During the Grand High Priest's temporary absence from the state, the Deputy Grand High Priest had, by proxy, constituted two Chapters.

The recommendation of a per capita tax for the Orphanage seems to be business like and reasonable.

The Grand Treasurer's balance was in the sum of \$5,114.40.

Grand Secretary, Frederic G. Speed is evidently walking in the footsteps of his distinguished father.

As regards the opinion that, in case the candidate is a minister, a part of the fee may be paid, or the fee refunded, we would intimate that, in Alabama, the degrees may be conferred gratuitously on Ministers of the Gospel or Jewish Rabbis.

The report of the Grand Lecturer covers eight closely printed pages, and the Deputies reports two or three more. We will content ourselves with the report of the Committee on Capitular Law on the Grand Lecturer's report:

"The Committee on Capitular Law submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Eminent Grand Chapter of Mississippi:

Your Committee on Capitular Law to whom was referred so much of the Grand Lecturer's report beg leave to report that in our judg-

ment the action of the Grand Chapter at its 1912 Grand Convocation in providing for the arrest of Charters of all Chapters failing to hold as many as four Stated Convocations in twelve months and such as failed to provide themselves with a suitable place of meeting within six months, was wise and has proved its wisdom in the good results reported.

We regret to note that some Chapters have failed to hold the required number of meetings. Among the number being one of the largest Chapters in the state, which did not hold a Convocation in eleven months.

While we believe under the action of the Grand Chapter these Chapters have forfeited their right to exist, we are not persuaded that it will be for the best interests of Capitular Masonry to arrest these Charters now; we do recommend that these Chapters be put on probation for three months and required to show cause why the action of the Grand Chapter should not be enforced and the Charters arrested, such showing to be made to the Grand High Priest within such time."

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood received eighteen accessions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by M. E. Comp. Oliver Lee McKay, who in easy, graceful, yet forceful style, reviews the proceedings of fifty-one Grand Chapters.

Alabama, 1911, is most courteously and kindly treated. He says of Grand High Priest Bingham's address that "he succeeded admirably in reporting the results of his administration in a concise, business-like manner."

He calls the recommendation which was unanimously approved, the purport of which was that Comp. Geo. A. Beauchamp be sent to the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter of the United States at the expense of Grand Chapter, "excellent," and is pleased at the thought of there meeting our Grand Secretary.

Referring to the twenty-three dispensations to railroad candidates through the degrees, he says, "we wonder if there is any significance in the figure '23.'"

If there is, Companion, save that it means one more than twenty-two, knowledge thereof has never penetrated our thick skull.

Comp. McKay will please accept our acknowledgment of his kind, flattering reference to the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Under Colorado, he quotes Comp. Foster's advocacy of "Old Glory" being displayed in Lodge or Chapter. All right, Companion, you are as much entitled to your opinion as we are to ours, but our belief that no emblem should be displayed in our Lodge, which would not be proper in a Masonic Lodge in any country, is not jostled in the least. Throw water on a duck's back and it runs off.

We would like to copy Comp. McKay's conclusion, but for short time and scant space.

Comp. Wm. A. Johns, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Frederic Gordon Speed, R. E., Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

67TH ANNUAL—KANSAS CITY—APRIL, 1913.

Comp. Louis E. Vogelsang, M. E., Grand High Priest, whose intelligent face greets us on the initial page of this volume.

The principal officers were all at their stations save the P. S.

Chartered Chapters, 105. U. D., 1. Members, 13,658. Net gain, 575.

Among the several distinguished visitors to Grand Chapter was the M. E., General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, Comp. Bernard G. Witt.

The address of the Grand High Priest was a clear exposition of his administration. (By the way under "Necrology" he called Death "The Junior Grand Warden of the Universe." From labor to refreshment, we presume, but there the simile ends. No back to labor.)

The Grand High Priest had granted two dispensations—one to permit certain Chapters to appear jointly and publicly with the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. in the dedicatory ceremonies of the hospital of the Masonic Home, September 24, 1912. The other to permit a Chapter to appear publicly and distinctively with the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., and participate in the laying of the corner-stone of a Masonic Temple.

He had refused all dispensations for electing officers (holding a dispensation in such case unnecessary) and all requests for permission to re-ballot on petitions. He objects to the use of white balls

and black cubes, intimating that Brethren or Companions can tell by the sound how a member votes.

We respectfully suggest that, if the ballot-box is cushioned, that objection will be obviated.

The Grand High Priest reported three decisions, which were to the following effect.

No. 1. A member of a R. A. Chapter forfeits his privilege as a R. A. Mason when he remains a non-affiliated Master Mason twelve months. Good.

In No. 2 he answered a question put by Independence Chapter in such manner as to show that the Chapter at Independence has jurisdiction half way to Kansas City, which is only ten miles away.

No. 3. In answer to the question, "Does the adoption of a new set of By-Laws repeal the old (automatically) or is it necessary to repeal the old by a vote?"

Answer.—The old By-Laws are repealed by implication.

As the Representative of Grand Chapter, he had participated in the dedication of the Hospital of the Masonic Home of Missouri. (Owned jointly by the "Blue" and "Red.")

The M. E. gives a glowing account of the trip to the Triennial at Indianapolis.

Our Missouri Companions did nobly by the flood sufferers.

This warm-hearted Grand High Priest concludes his address as follows:

"CONCLUSION."

"My Companions, in a few short hours I shall surrender the gavel of authority and return to the ranks. Before doing so, however, permit me to thank you for all the honors you have conferred on me. That I appreciate them is not to be doubted.

For ten years I have been one of your official family; during those years I have formed ties of friendship which only the grave can break, and as we journey down the Highway of Life,

I would flood your path with sunshine;
I would fence you from all ill;
I would crown you with all blessings,
If I could but have my will.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS E. VOGELSANG,
Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer."

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance was the sum of \$13,393.66.

The Grand Secretary's report is an excellent document evincing much care and painstaking.

At one cent per capita, the dues to the General Grand Chapter are \$136.58.

The report of the Committee on Necrology was very full and complete.

A grand reception was given to the General Grand Officers of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America.

Very entertaining, instructive addresses were made by the General Grand High Priest and the General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter. We would like to give them place, but cannot.

"Entrance of General Grand Officers."

This was an interesting occasion. The Companions were highly entertained by the eloquent address from the General Grand High Priest, Comp. Bernard G. Witt, and the General Grand Scribe, Comp. William F. Kuhn.

We will let the Committee on Jurisprudence speak for itself in this paper:

"To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to report as follows:

We approve the ruling of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest as to the standing of Royal Arch Masons who are non-affiliated Master Masons, and recommend that inasmuch as no provision has been made in our By-Laws governing such cases, that Section 219 on page 58 of the Grand Chapter By-Laws of 1901, be incorporated into the present By-Laws of this Grand Chapter, as follows:

Section 194A. Same. If a member of a Chapter shall become a non-affiliate Mason and voluntarily remain so for twelve months, he shall forfeit his privileges as a Royal Arch Mason.

We disapprove the rulings of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in the matter of concurrent jurisdiction between the Chapters of Kansas City and Independence, believing that said decision conflicts with the provisions of Section 180, page 45, By-Laws of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, adopted in 1911, as follows:

"Section 180. Jurisdiction Over. A candidate may petition any Chapter for the degrees within fifty miles of his residence, provided he does not reside in a city or town where a Chapter is located or within ten miles of where a Chapter is located."

Our construction of this Section, together with Section 190, page 47, gives the Chapters of Kansas City and Independence concurrent jurisdiction over all that territory lying between the corporate limits of those cities.

We approve the ruling of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest as to the repeal by implication of old By-Laws upon the adoption of new ones.

We doubt the advisability of requiring the reading of the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter in open Chapter as recommended by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, but in order that the officers of the Constituent Chapters may become better acquainted by the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter we recommend that the officers-elect of Constituent Chapters be required to study and familiarize themselves with said By-Laws before being installed into their respective positions.

We approve the decision and action of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest with regard to appropriation of money to flood sufferers by Constituent Chapters."

Owing to lack of time to consider voluminous correspondence in the Invasion of Jurisdiction matter, the Committee left it to the incoming Grand High Priest.

Report adopted.

Much interesting matter in these proceedings must be passed without notice on account of the nearness of the time when our report goes to the printer.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The excellent Report on Fraternal Correspondence is again from the pen of Companion John H. Miller.

Comp. Miller says "The Alabama Report on Correspondence was prepared by Comp. William Y. Titcomb, covering 148 pages. Missouri was not among the Grand Chapters reviewed, much to our regret.

The Convention of Anointed High Priests elected thirty-seven eligible Companions to the Order.

Comp. William F. Johnson, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Robert F. Stevenson, R. E., Grand Secretary.

MONTANA.

22ND ANNUAL—MISSOULA—SEPTEMBER, 1911.

Chartered Chapters, 18. U. D., 3. Membership, 1,788. Net gain, 130.

Comp. Henry J. Rainsford, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Early in the session, Grand Secretary Cornelius Hedges made the pleasing announcement that all the Chapters had made returns and paid annual dues.

From the address of the Grand High Priest, we learn that he had constituted one Chapter, had made several very pleasant official visits, and had proposed some recommendations which were no doubt desirable in Montana. One was to require fifteen petitions for a new Chapter.

A certain Chapter had invited some Companions of another Chapter to come over and exemplify the Royal Arch degree for them on Sunday. Learning what they proposed, he wrote the D. G. H. P. to visit that Chapter and instruct them that they must do their own work, *but not on Sunday*. Good.

He had granted one dispensation for a new Chapter.

Under "Decisions" we find the following:

"On August 13th I received a letter from the Grand Secretary, Cornelius Hedges, attached to letters from Edgerton Chapter No. 2132, Manor Road, Liscard, Cheshire, England, to Companion H. J. Charlton of Valier, one of the Petitioners for the new Chapter at that place, with a request from the Grand Secretary if I would say, after examination of the correspondence, that we would be justified in accepting them as equivalent to a Dimit. One letter in particular said, 'I am pleased to inform you that you are clear on the books of Edgerton Chapter No. 2132, at the time of your resignation at the end of the year 1910. (Signed) Thomas Dutton Bayhiff, P. P. A., Soj., and Ernest Ac Ash P. Z.—P. P. G. N.'"

Another letter signed by about twenty-one present and past officers saying: "Edgerton Chapter sends hearty greetings and best wishes for his future prosperity, and also prosperity to the new Chapter with which he is affiliated with"—

All this satisfied me to accept the letters as a Dimit. I am also informed that this is the usual custom in Chapters, as well as Blue Lodges under English Jurisdiction."

M. E. Comp. Rainsford, in our humble opinion, you did perfectly right in so deciding.

From the Grand Treasurer's report we find under "Disbursements" that he had paid to the Secretary of the Masonic Home \$499.10.

Our Montana Brethren and Companions are not oblivious to the great duty of providing for our destitute and needy widows and orphans and aged and indigent Brethren.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the majority of the recommendations of the Grand High Priest, among them the recommenda-

tion that at least fifteen Companions shall be necessary for a petition for a new Chapter.

We fail to find any expression from the Committee in regard to affiliation of the Companion from Edgerton Chapter No. 2132 of England.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

The Convocation of the Order of High Priesthood elected seven eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Capitular Correspondence is presented by Grand Secretary Cornelius Hedges.

It is a very readable paper, thoughtful and conservative. Comp. Hedges uses his scissors freely, but judiciously.

Alabama, 1910, is given nearly a page and three-fourths of courteous notice. Commenting on dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions out of time he says:

"We are quite averse to the granting of such dispensations, and feel that the most of such cases are not in the nature of emergencies."

Personally the writer is no less averse to the granting of such dispensations than is Comp. Hedges.

He thinks that in as old a Jurisdiction as Alabama, more than six Past Grand High Priests could attend the Convocations:

So think we. Nevertheless, we must remember that several of them have passed into the Great Beyond, and cannot come back.

Comp. Hedges kind words about the writer are highly appreciated, but he calls us "a trained Reviewer." Companion, we never had any "training" as reviewer. Our only training is what has been acquired in the attempt to prepare Reports on Foreign Correspondence, going our own gait, without studying any model. It was the best we could do—and when one does his best, that is all you can expect.

We had expected to quote from Comp. Hedges' report, but time and space are lacking.

Comp. Harry M. Allen, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Cornelius Hedges, Jr., R. E., Grand Secretary.

MONTANA.

23RD ANNUAL—BUTTE—SEPTEMBER, 1912.

Comp. Harry M. Allen, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Active Chartered Chapters, 20. U. D., 1. Membership, 1,940. Net gain for the year, 152.

Montana and Alabama have not interchanged Representatives. "Why" we know not.

The G. H. P. thus reverently opened his annual address:

"Companions:

It affords me great pleasure to welcome you to this, the Twenty-third Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Montana.

Our hearts should go out in thankfulness to the Supreme High Priest above, for through His mercy and loving kindness in guiding us safely through the year, we are permitted to greet one another and meet in fraternal intercourse."

Before rendering an account of his administration, he referred to the greatly deplored death of P. G. S. John M. Ramsey, as well as to the departed of his own and other Jurisdictions, including our late Grand Treasurer, William Henry Dingley.

Among his official acts, he had issued a Memorial on the Death of P. G. S., Comp. John M. Ramsey, and had constituted two Chapters, and had installed their officers.

He had refused a request for dispensation to confer the Mark Master Degree on five candidates together or in two teams, and the Royal Arch Degree on six candidates together. His reason is obvious.

He had no occasion to make any decision during the year other than in an informal manner during his official visits.

His account of his visitations more than covers ten closely printed pages, and, of course, is highly interesting to the Chapters visited. Shortness of space and time at our disposal precludes extended notice of those visits.

His recommendations follow:

"(1) I recommend that each candidate be required to be proficient in the Words, Signs and Grips of each Degree before advancement, and that he stand an examination either in open Chapter or before a Committee appointed by the Excellent High Priest.

(2) I recommend that the Masonic Calendar and Rules for Masonic dates be published in the Proceedings of each Annual Convocation.

(3) I would recommend that the Constitution, By-Laws and Resolutions be printed in our proceedings of this year."

To express in few words the eulogium the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers paid to the G. H. P. is impossible. They covered him with a mantle of glory.

His memorial on the death of P. G. S. Ramsey was appended to the address.

The Grand Treasurer reported total assets as \$3,850.86.

The first recommendation of the G. H. P. was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee. The others left to the discretion of the Chapters.

In his able report Grand Secretary Cornelius Hedges says that there was, during the year, but one suspension N. P. D.

The Appeals Committee reported one case—that of invasion of jurisdiction of one Chapter, No. 12, by another Chapter, No. 15, and "would respectfully refer the matter to the Committee on Jurisprudence."

On recommendation of the Committee on Chartered Chapters and Chapters U. D., a charter was granted to one Chapter U. D.

Grand Secretary Cornelius Hedges satisfactorily explains the absence of any Correspondence Report in these proceedings.

Comp. E. E. Sweeny, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Cornelius Hedges, R. E., Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

46TH ANNUAL—OMAHA—DECEMBER, 1912.

Companion John Harper, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Chartered Chapters, 55. U. D., 0. Membership, 4,650. Net gain, 184.

In his address the Grand High Priest paid loving tribute to the memory of Past Grand High Priest, Daniel H. Wheeler, who was one of the organizers of Grand Chapter in 1867, and who died November 27, 1912.

In respect of the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, he said:

"On November 13th I visited the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. Our efficient Superintendent, Companion William S.

Askwith, personally conducted me through the building, and I had an opportunity to examine many of the rooms, and to talk with the residents. I found everything in and about the Home neat and clean, and the residents as contented and happy as it is possible for us to make them. I commend our Home, one of the grandest institutions of Masonry, and worthy of our support and consideration. Forty-six residents are now cared for at the Home, and much time is given without compensation by the officers and trustees to its management."

From the Grand High Priest's remarks on General Condition we infer that it is satisfactory.

He reported but one decision, as follows:

"A few questions were submitted to me for official decision, but most of them were answered by reference to our law, and no mention need be made of them. The only one that is not fully covered by existing law, I submit herewith:

I decided that when a petition has been regularly received and referred to a Committee it can not be withdrawn and the fee returned, though only two of the Committee sign the report."

Sound!

Three special dispensations had been issued. No dispensations to form new Chapter. Need of such not being apparent.

The M. E. had made thirteen visitations, to the great satisfaction, no doubt, of the Chapters visited.

The recommendations of the Grand High Priest were adopted.

The cash balance in the Treasury was the sum of \$7,851.52.

The Grand Secretary's report makes it manifest that he is faithful, intelligent, painstaking. At the end of his report he says:

"General conditions at the Home continue favorable. An increase in residents is shown with a corresponding increase in cost for maintenance. The cost of salaries and labor has increased more than any other item, as additional help was found necessary and some increase in salaries was made. In view of the fact that a full and detailed report for the year 1912 will be made and sent to all Chapters in the Grand Jurisdiction and to any one who wishes a copy, and that a report covering only ten months can now be offered for the year 1912, it is deemed advisable to present for the consideration of the Grand Chapter only what is noted above.

In addition to maintaining residents at the Home, the Masonic Fraternity is helping to care for nine women, three men, ten girls, and eight boys, a total of thirty. All of the above are partly able to care for themselves and the assistance rendered is to supplement their own earnings and income.

FRANCIS E. WHITE,
Grand Secretary."

We are pleased to note in the report of the Credentials Committee that our Representative was present at this Convocation.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report was adopted, approved the decision reported by the Grand High Priest.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected twenty-five eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

As we note with pleasure, the report on Foreign Correspondence is again the handiwork of Comp. Charles J. Phelps, who, within the compass of seventy-one pages, reviews the proceedings of all the Jurisdictions whose records had reached his table. This review is concise and discriminating.

Alabama, 1911, has courteous and brotherly treatment, salient points in our proceedings being touched upon.

For kind reference to the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence with a couple of brief quotations therefrom, he will please accept grateful acknowledgment.

Under Illinois he says:

"M. E. Companion George W. Warvelle submits his tenth Annual Report on Correspondence, covering seventy-three pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-three Grand Chapters. Nebraska, 1910, receives fraternal consideration. This writer's views are not altogether agreed with, and we are referred to Martin Luther's contentions, but that was so long ago we do not recollect all the circumstances involved, and prefer not to undertake to follow the subject. It might lead to the discussion of religious differences."

Under New Jersey, Comp. Phelps quotes (approvingly, we infer) from Comp. Haines' vindication of the P. M. degree. To that view the writer cannot fully subscribe. The essence of the degree, in the writer's opinion, is a lesson in the exercise of magisterial authority. If it does not belong to Symbolic Masonry, it does not belong anywhere.

Comp. Benjamin F. Pitman, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Francis E. White, R. E., Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.

39TH ANNUAL—RENO—JUNE, 1912.

Number of Chapters, 10. Membership, 465. Net gain, 5.

Comp. Henry W. Miles, M. E., Grand High Priest.

The twenty-nine Grand Representatives present were welcomed in fitting terms, but Alabama was not represented. Where was Comp. McMillan?

This handsomely printed volume is embellished with portraits of G. H. P., Comp. Miles, and of P. G. H. P.'s Kyle, Fitzgerald and Kinney.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a scholarly paper replete with sound Masonic reflections and suggestions.

He made fitting announcement of the dead, both at home and abroad.

His official visits were of such character that the Chapters visited received profit and he honor thereby.

Thus M. E., Comp. Miles closes his address:

"Let us not be discouraged if our Institution in this Jurisdiction is not progressing as we might desire. Individuals may doubt the progress of humanity, and of Masonry, but the historian never does. From the first appearance of man, grappling with the monsters of the prime, hunted by a thousand dangers, haunted by thousand terrors, when has progress ceased? Eighty-one years ago, two thousand Masons marched from Faneuil Hall, in the city of Boston to lay the corner-stone of a Masonic Temple, amid the jeers of a howling mob; today nearly every candidate for the highest political office within the gift of the Republic, is a Mason. We should remember that the master words of life in all circumstances are courage and energy, press on to the goal, and,

'Not content that former worth stands fast,
Look forward, persevering to the last,
From well to better daily self-surpassed.'"

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash was the sum of \$825.65.

The Grand Secretary made the following satisfactory statement:

"Annual dues and fees have been received from all the constituent Chapters."

From the adopted report of the Committee on Address, we extract as follows:

"4th. That portion referring to the 'Nearest Chapter' be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, as requested in the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's report, also that portion relative to the number of defunct Chapters."

"5th. We also recommend that in General Regulation No. 7, the words 'lecture on each degree,' be interpreted to mean that portion of the lecture up to and including the O. B. and the S's and W's of each degree."

On that portion of the address referred to the Jurisprudence Committee at the Grand High Priest's request, the "Nearest Chapter" the Committee reported as follows:

"(1) We recommend that the nearest practical traveled route shall govern the jurisdiction of Subordinate Chapters instead of the air line as heretofore adopted."

We concur.

The Committee also reported disapproval of the recommendation that new Chapters take the numbers of defunct Chapters. Both reports of the Committee were adopted.

The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests elected six Companions who were eligible to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, presented by P. G. H. P., Comp. Geo. Gillson, opens thus:

"Dear Companions:

I herewith submit my second and last Report on Foreign Correspondence. I say last, because I have other matters to occupy my attention and could not afford to spare the time for this and the duties required in the Grand Secretary's office.

In parting with you officially, I wish to thank you for courtesies shown, feeling assured that my successor, Companion Vanderlieth, will do credit to Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction."

Our regret at parting with Comp. Gillson is, however, tempered by the reflection that Comp. Vanderlieth will admirably fill the position.

Alabama, 1911, is courteously treated. For flattering personal mention, the writer is grateful.

Comp. Fred M. Chadler, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Edward D. Vanderlieth, R. E., Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

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25TH ANNUAL—ST. JOHN—AUGUST, 1912.

Comp. W. L. Ellis, M. D., M. E., Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 8. Members, 821. Increase, 36.

The Grand High Priest thus happily opened his Annual Address:

"Companions:

We meet to-day in Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation to review the past and to make plans for the future.

Twenty-five years is but a short period in the life history of institutions such as ours, but it has wrought many changes in our organization. Our general growth during this period has been gradual, but our foundations have been well laid and now, at the portals of a new quarter century, with the prospects of greater general growth and development throughout our Province, we cannot but feel that we must plan for the greater success and the grander achievements of the purposes for which we exist during the next twenty-five years. Members of this Grand Chapter who were active at its organization are present to-day, and they have followed with zeal and endeavour the efforts which make for our success. Others have been relieved from their earthly cares, but their devotion to Capitular Masonry is written large upon the pages of history."

The business of Grand Chapter was conducted with dignity and decorum.

Grand Secretary J. Twining Hartt admirably fills his responsible position.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash was the sum of \$1,560.72.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected two eligible Companions to the Order.

Comp. Robert Murray, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. J. Twining Hartt, R. E., Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

93RD ANNUAL—CONCORD—MAY, 1912.

Comp. John Lynch, M. E., Grand High Priest, whose portrait graces the first page of this volume.

It is pleasant to note that the Representative of Alabama was present.

Number of Chapters on roll, 23. All making returns. Number represented, 18. Membership, 4,389. Increase, 74.

The address of the Grand High Priest contained loving remembrance of departed Companions.

The exacting calls of business had prevented him from personally discharging many of the duties of his high office—especially visitations.

He had granted four special dispensations—one of them to waive time in conferring degrees.

Waiver of jurisdiction had been granted in four instances.

He recommended that Grand Chapter take some action in respect of defraying the expenses of Representative of Grand Chapter to the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, soon to convene at Indianapolis, Indiana.

The D. G. H. P., the G. K., the G. S., and the G. C. of the H. made their several reports to their M. E. Chief.

In the D. G. H. P.'s report he said:

"There are circumstances connected with the affairs of _____ Chapter that I feel should receive the attention of the Grand High Priest."

The Committee on Doing of Grand Officers sustained the suggestion of the Deputy Grand High Priest. But we are left in the dark as to the nature of those "circumstances." No doubt they related to esoteric work.

The following amendment to the Regulations was proposed by the Grand Secretary:

"Each Chapter in this Jurisdiction shall pay annually to the Grand Secretary, on or before the first day of May, three dollars for each and every candidate exalted in such Chapter during the year ending April 15, and also thirty-five cents for each member thereof, and any Chapter that does not make correct returns and does not pay its annual dues and three dollars for each candidate exalted in such Chapter during the year ending April 15 in each year, to the Grand Secretary on or before the first day of May in each year, shall pay to the Grand Secretary for the Grand Chapter one dollar for each day that such neglect shall continue."

On recommendation of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, the official acts and suggestions of the Grand High Priest were approved, as well as those of the other Grand Officers. Also the recommendation that \$200.00 be appropriated to defray the expenses of delegates to the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter.

The Grand Treasurer's balance on hand was the sum of \$1,126.15.

The Jurisprudence Committee was not fully informed as to the Grand Chapter of Victoria, but resting on the fact that thirty-eight American Grand Chapters were exchanging Representatives with said Grand Body, recommended like action by the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.

The Committee recommended exchange of Representatives with the Grand Chapter of Utah. The report of the Committee was adopted.

The Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected four eligible Companions to the Order.

We note with pleasure that Comp J. L. Seward (Josiah Lafayette Seward in the list of candidates elected to the Order of High Priesthood) is again the author of the Report on Foreign Correspondence.

More than nine-tenths of his 275 pages of printed matter are made up of original matter. It is a fine report. At this hour we do not pretend to do it justice.

Alabama, 1911, is very generously given six pages of his valuable space.

Thinking it will be interesting to our Alabama Companions, we quote in full what Comp. Seward says of our beloved late Grand Treasurer.

Here it is:

"R. E. William Henry Dingley, who had been the Grand Treasurer for more than forty years, died at his home in Montgomery, Ala., September 16, 1911. He was born in Winslow, Me., December 18, 1824, the son of Amasa and Mary (Jennings) Dingley. He was a graduate of Waterville (now Colby) College. He also graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., in 1844, when only twenty years of age. He was a descendant of one of the best and oldest New England families. His ancestor, John Dingley, came from England to Lynn, Mass., with a party of immigrants in 1637. They soon moved to Sandwich, and a little later to Marshfield, in the same region. Our Companion William H. Dingley lived in Winslow, also Nobleborough, in Maine. He moved to Boston, Mass., and finally, in 1851, to Montgomery, Ala., where he passed the remainder of his life. He was in the drug business. He was the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council and (for many years before 1890) the Grand Commandery of Alabama."

Our Companion in New Hampshire may rest assured that the foregoing is highly appreciated by us.

This genial Companion of New Hampshire well summarizes our proceedings, and says of retiring Grand High Priest William E. Bingham, that "his genial portrait makes an admirable frontispiece for the volume of proceedings."

Knowing Comp. Bingham as we do, we are sure this compliment will not turn his head.

We sincerely thank Comp. Seward for his complimentary reference to the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence.

In reference to what is styled the "Texas Plan" he says:

"Under California, in discussing a proposed amendment to the Constitution, requiring an applicant for the Chapter degrees to file an application, at the same time, for the degrees of a Council of Royal and Select Masters, Companion Titcomb observes: 'We should have to put that proposition in our pipe and smoke it before giving it our unqualified assent.' We should indeed say the same. There is no doubt that the Council suffers by not being regularly in the 'line' for the Commandery. So would the Chapter, for the same reason, if it were not in the 'line.' Americans have such an inordinate craving to be 'on the top of the heap' that they regard nothing but the pinnacle, and do not pause to reflect that if there were no heap there would be no pinnacle. In every department of American life and business there is a disposition to hurry without regard to the thoroughness and quality of the work performed."

We would cheerfully give a place to his ingenious defense of "Old Glory" in the Lodge, and his vindication of the Shrine, but lack of space to spare precludes the same; still, the following, under California is so well expressed that we are constrained to stretch our limit therefor:

"A Committee of this Grand Chapter, which had been appointed to consider the relations of Capitular Masonry to Cryptic Masonry, reported that they did not consider it advisable that an applicant for the degrees of Capitular Masonry should be required also to present an application for the degrees of Cryptic Masonry, on the ground that an applicant for any degree in the Masonic system should be able to say that he applied of his own free will and accord. Such requirements were made in Texas, and, perhaps, elsewhere, but it was thought to be inadvisable in California.

There is much justice and sound sense in the report of this California Committee. Strictly speaking, applications to any branch of Freemasonry should be strictly voluntary in every sense of the word. It must, however, be recognized that, in our country especially, the desire to be satisfied with nothing but highest positions has tended to discredit the intermediate degrees to such an extent that, if it were not for the constitutional requirement that certain degrees should precede others, no degrees would be taken between

the Blue Lodge and the grade of Knight Templar. At the same time the prescription of certain conditions to the reception of an honor does not wholly remove a man's freedom of choice. If certain honors can only be secured through a compliance with certain conditions and those conditions are publicly known, then it still rests upon the man's free choice whether or not he will comply with the conditions, if permitted, and obtain the honor."

Comp. Frank R. Marston, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Harry M. Cheney, R. E., Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

57TH ANNUAL—TRENTON—MAY, 1913.

Comp. Abram A. Reger, M. E., Grand High Priest.

We note with displeasure that Alabama's Representative was not at his post.

Number of Chapters, 38. Membership, 6,980. Net gain, 269.

Portraits of the G. H. P. and two others grace this volume.

It is a matter for real regret that we have so little time to review these proceedings before our Report will go to the printer.

The G. H. P.'s address is a well-constructed document, evincing faithful attention to all details requiring his notice.

He had issued several special dispensations, all of them doubtless within his prerogative.

Under "Decisions" reported we note the following:

"A rejected candidate becomes the Masonic property of the rejecting Chapter without regard to his residence. A subsequent petition to another Chapter by such candidate cannot be received without first securing a waiver of territorial jurisdiction from the Chapter rejecting the original petition."

"The arrest of the Warrant of Paterson-Orange Lodge, No. 43, F. & A. M., does not affect the standing of the individual members. I am advised by the Most Worshipful Grand Master that they are still in good standing and entitled to the rights and privileges of the Fraternity, hence the standing of Royal Arch Masons holding membership in said Paterson-Orange Lodge No. 43, is not affected."

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"A Mark Master Mason having selected his mark and the same having been duly recorded in the Lodge Book of Marks, it becomes an integral part of the records of the Chapter advancing him and it cannot be withdrawn from such record when he dimits from said Chapter. If the member thus dimitting desires to affiliate with another Chapter he cannot be required to again record his mark in the Chapter with which he affiliates."

The foregoing rulings seem to be all right.

Under heading of General Grand Chapter Triennial at Indianapolis appears the following:

"Your delegation was honored by the appointment of one of its members, our M. E. Companion Henry S. Haines, upon one of the most important Committees, that of Jurisprudence, before whom came the question of asserting the principle of absolute Masonic Sovereignty of the General Grand Chapter over the island possessions of the United States, within which the Grand Chapter of Scotland had established, or sought to establish her subordinates.

Of the defense and preservation of this principle, New Jersey has always been a most determined advocate, and no prestige was now lost to her in taking the opportunity thus afforded for asserting it. The report of this Committee was received with unanimous favor, and the General Grand Secretary was directed to notify the Grand Chapter of Scotland of such action."

The G. H. P. had granted several special dispensations which seem, all of them, to be for the good of Masonry. --

He gives a pleasing account of his official visitations.

The spirit of his "Conclusion" was, we are sure, of the best quality.

Greetings and felicitations were wired to the Grand Chapter of Utah by order of Grand Chapter—the Grand Body of Utah being at the time in session.

Several distinguished visitors from nearby states were received and welcomed in true Masonic manner.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance on hand as \$3,374.82.

The Committee on Necrology made a short but most appropriate report.

The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests elected thirty-three Excellent Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The very fine Report on Foreign Correspondence is again the work of Comp. Henry S. Haines. This Report is very largely composed of original matter, and is reluctantly treated with slight attention, now just as our Report should be in the printer's hands.

Alabama, 1912, is generously given about three pages of his valuable space.

He says:

"The strong and striking countenance of M. E. Lawrence H. Lee, Grand High Priest, faces the title page of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Alabama as there portrayed, and a brief biography, illustrative of his exalted character, immediately follows it."

Comp. Haines indulges in some criticisms on our methods, but he does so with the true spirit which should ever characterize Masonic animadversions. We have no time or space to specially refer to them.

We cannot close without letting our Alabama Companions see what a handsome compliment Comp. Haines pays to their servant of the quill.

Here are his words:

"We are agreeably regaled with the copious aftermath of Companion William Y. Titcomb, whose careful utterances we have previous occasion to admire and to commend as models of reviews. This may be partly due to the fact that they so nearly express our own views upon subjects commonly discussed. No sentiments of expediency is permitted to cause him to swerve from the course traversed by our Masonic fathers, and no favoritism would blind him to the sense of duty. This broad assertion relieves us of the need to particularize.

We have to thank him for his favorable notice of New Jersey, and his comparison of the writer with the gifted and scholarly Hedges, of Montana, almost savors of flattery, but we shall try to appropriate it."

Though ill-deserved, this good opinion expressed by Comp. Haines is gratefully perused.

Next Annual at Trenton, May, 1914.

Comp. Lorenzo D. Sanborn, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Peter McGill, R. E., Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO.

15TH ANNUAL—ALBUQUERQUE—OCTOBER, 1912.

Comp. Salamon Spitz, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Number of Chartered Chapters, 15. U. D., 1. Membership, 1,017.
Net gain, 67.

A distinguished visitor in the person of Comp. Bestor G. Brown, General Grand Captain of the Host in the General Grand Chapter of

the United States of America, was warmly received and greatly pleased the Companions with an instructive address.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, did not fail to remember the fraternal dead.

In his opening remarks, he said:

"I congratulate this Grand Chapter upon the growth and progress made in Capitular Masonry during the past year. This growth is greatly due to the zeal and untiring interest manifest in the subordinate bodies, their officers and Companions.

I also observed in my visitations the wholesome effect and benefit to the Craft of the resolution adopted at our last Convocation requiring all candidates to pass a satisfactory examination before being exalted to the August degree of Royal Arch."

He had issued one dispensation for organizing a new Chapter.

He had granted four special dispensations for installing officers, etc.

He had made a number of visitations, to the awakening of enthusiasm in the Chapters visited. He made the following recommendations:

"I recommend that each Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction shall pay to the Grand Chapter for every member exalted to the August Degree of Royal Arch the sum of three or five dollars, to be included in the annual returns to the Grand Chapter.

The fees in the Blue Lodge to the Grand Lodge for the degrees are \$6.00 and in the Commandery \$3.50, and it seems to me that the fees for exaltation should at least be restored to the former fee of three dollars.

I would also recommend that the salary of the Grand Secretary be increased to an amount more nearly commensurate with the duties of his office."

We are glad to know that Grand Secretary Keene is to be paid more for his services; his office is no sinecure.

The Grand Treasurer's Recapitulation shows the following balances, viz: General Fund, \$552.71. Masonic Home Fund, \$2,355.67.

The Committee on the address of the Grand High Priest approved his official acts and recommendations. The other Committees made their respective reports. The Committee on Grievances and Appeals had no business before it. Good! The Finance Committee increased the compensation of the Grand Secretary and of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

On favorable report by the Committee on Dispensations, a Charter was voted to one Chapter U. D.

The following is the report of the Committee on Necrology:

"Your Committee on Necrology respectfully submits that the recommendation of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest be complied with, viz:

That suitably inscribed pages be set apart in our proceedings to the memory of our and sister Jurisdictions' deceased."

The customary testimonial was presented to the retiring Grand High Priest.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again, as we note with pleasure, the work of Comp. J. H. Wroth, who reviews the proceedings of fifty Grand Chapters—three of them for two years.

Alabama, 1911, is given a page and a half of courteous, brotherly notice.

Comp. Wroth does not favor free passes from Babylon to Jerusalem. In Alabama a Chapter may—not shall—confer the degrees on the clergy free of charge. Our own private opinion is that the gratuitous work for the clergy would better be confined to the Blue Lodge, and then, if the party wishes to advance, let him pay for the "frills."

Our esteemed Companion does us the honor to quote our remarks upon the subject of office seeking in Masonry, and upon the conferring of degrees in Grand Chapter.

In his "Conclusion" Comp. Wroth expresses himself strongly in favor of strengthening the authority of our central body—the General Grand Chapter. This thought reawakens our sense of hostility against too great centralization of power. We like the republican form of government. Rather than see the power and authority of the General Grand Chapter made mandatory, we, personally, would be willing that said body should be dissolved.

Would Comp. Wroth be in favor of a General Grand Lodge?

Comp. Clifton O. Young, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Alpheus A. Keene, R. E., Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

QUARTERLY CONVOCATION—SYDNEY—FEBRUARY, 1912.

Number of Chapters, 17. Membership (?).

In the absence of his superior officer, Comp. L. Whitfield, G. H., presided as M. E. Grand Z.

The Representatives of eleven American and two Australian Grand Chapters were present.

This very neat, well printed pamphlet contains a record of the February, May, August and November Quarterlies for the year 1912.

The Grand First Principal presided at all of these Convocations after the February meeting.

In his address at the May Convocation the Grand Z., Comp. H. M. Hamilton paid feeling tribute to the memory of M. E. Henry B. Howe, whose record in Masonry was exceptionally brilliant. He also announced the demise of the two M. E. Companions, Danelly, of Arkansas, and Anderson, of Kansas, also that of M. W. Samuel C. Lawrence, of Massachusetts. Comp. Wm. H. Dingley's death was noted.

In this address considerable attention is paid to the subject of existing relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland. It seems that while the latter Grand Chapter is willing to admit that the New South Wales Grand Chapter is legitimate, and that its members are regular Royal Arch Masons, free to visit Scottish Chapters, nevertheless she stubbornly refuses to recognize the Grand Chapter of New South Wales as Sovereign—Supreme Grand Chapter for the territory of New South Wales.

We quote:

"You will be surprised to hear that no answer has yet been received to the letters written to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland by my direction on December 14, 1910, and February 8, 1911. I alluded to this denial of common courtesy some six months ago and we are still ignored. In ordinary life such treatment would be characterized as a deliberate insult. I am at a loss how to describe it in Masonic terms. At any rate it is utterly inconsistent with Masonic principles, and I know that many of our Scottish Companions here also resent it. It is all the more inexplicable when taken in conjunction with the report to which I drew attention at our Convocation last December, wherein the Grand Committee of the Supreme

Grand Chapter of Scotland refers to the position as being 'the subject of friendly discussion.'"

In the report of the Grand Committee, we note that a copy of the Alabama proceedings had been received.

In our opinion New South Wales is entitled to the Capitular Sovereignty of that territory. We think the same as to New Zealand, and Western Australia.

The financial situation in the Grand Chapter of New South Wales is, no doubt, healthy.

The balance in the Treasury was \$1,138.22.

The business of this Grand Chapter is always conducted with dignity and strict propriety—on a high plane.

From the report of the Grand Committee at the November Quarterly we learn that "fraternal correspondence" has been received from the Grand Chapter of Alabama and about fifteen other Grand Jurisdictions.

At each Quarterly the Grand Inspector of Workings makes report of his visitations to Chapters.

The Statement of Assets and Liabilities shows that the balance of assets over liabilities was the sum of \$2,250.26.

Comp. H. Montgomerie Hamilton, M. E., Grand First Principal.

Comp. A. J. Burbidge, E., Grand Scribe E.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

HALF YEARLY COMMUNICATION—SYDNEY—MAY, 1912.

Bro. T. F. H. MacKenzie, M. W., Grand Master.

From the Grand Master's address we quote as follows:

"Brethren, it is very gratifying to me, on retiring from the position of Grand Master, to know that during my period of occupying the chair, Mark Masonry has made such good progress. In 1909-10 the advancements were 115; 1910-11, 150; 1911-12, 142; making a total for the three years, of over 400. This progress I attribute principally to the good work done by Grand Lodge Officers. On many occasions, at great inconvenience, they have attended the Grand Master or the R. W. Deputy Grand Master in paying visits to daughter Lodges, and it must follow as an indisputable fact that if Grand Lodge takes and shows an interest in her daughter Lodges they, in their turn, will appreciate the interest taken in them and assist to make Grand Lodge a strong governing body."

From the report of the General Board it is learned that R. W. Bro. H. Montgomerie Hamilton was nominated as Grand Master.

The Grand Inspector of Workings made a very satisfactory report. Candidates had been advanced in four Lodges, and the G. I. was pleased to report that the work in every instance was of a highly satisfactory nature.

Bro. J. R. B. Campbell, Acting Grand Treasurer since the death of Grand Treasurer Howe, reported balance amounting to the sum of \$2,014.00.

After transaction of some business, the Grand Officers-elect were installed and Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.

Bro. H. Montgomerie Hamilton, M. W., Grand Master.

Bro. A. J. Burbidge, R. W., Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

116TH ANNUAL—ALBANY—FEBRUARY, 1913.

Comp. Marshall F. Hemingway, M. E., Grand High Priest, (whose portrait graces the first page of this well executed volume).

Constituent Chapters, 207. Membership, 38,565. Net increase, 1,138.

Of course we are pleased to note that our Representative was reported as present at the Convocation under review.

There were several distinguished visitors at this Convocation, and the address of welcome and responses thereto were happily conceived and well expressed. We observe that the M. E., General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, Bernard G. Witt, was also in attendance. We make no apology for extracting a short passage from his address as follows:

"I like to see a man loyal. (Turning to M. E., Companion Harcourt.) I like to see him loyal to his country. I like to hear him tell about the great things of his country. But you, sir, have not got the largest Jurisdiction. I have got it. Why, within the last month I sent a charter to Alaska. Last week I planted one down in the Canal Zone. If this Democratic Congress don't turn the Philippines loose we are going to have some more out there.

I made up my mind I would not tire you by a long talk, and that I would not discuss Masonry; that I would not go into the religious element that seems to permeate the system. Some men seem to

make it a religion. I do not think Masonry is a religion. But I do think that it is nearer full of religion than anything else. Yes, it is absolutely full of religion. The best of it is that it is the right kind of religion. That is the estimate I place upon this Order, in which we believe and which we love so much, and to which we bear testimony in our devotion not only to its principles, but to the transaction of its business. This Body, and especially the York Rite of Masonry, is a power in the world that can hardly be conceived. It is located in every little village and hamlet in the country, and in the larger cities the Masonic Lodges and Chapters are very thick. There are nearly forty thousand Royal Arch Masons in the State of New York, and in money power it has the largest amount, larger by ten thousand, than any other Grand Chapter in the United States. Illinois has some six or seven thousand fewer Royal Arch Masons than you, and Ohio perhaps a few less than Illinois. See what a power for good you are, if we are influenced by the principles which we propose to live up to and which we claim are behind the things we do and the things we say. Go out and see what you can do. I think some of us forget the other side of men's characters. I know some men and some Masons who drive men away from the good they can do by forgetting that absolutely essential association that should always be found with good citizenship and good fellowship.

There has been a movement on foot for a number of years, quietly spreading day by day, for the accomplishment of that event in the world which you have mentioned in your speech as the celebration of the one hundred years of peace between our countries. If the matter is well directed the Masonic Fraternity may be the power under God which should bring about universal peace in the world. The United States Government itself, as it is organized, with its various political factions and differences, will never bring about this state of affairs. But put the Masonic Order to work on this great principle, put them to work as they have worked in other directions, and then it is not for naught. The day will soon come, if the proper influences are brought to bear, when this mighty Order will be a power for all that is good and noble.

In this connection I do not want to be misunderstood about the York Rite of Masonry. I am a loyal Mason. I am a Thirty-third Degree and all that. But my first allegiance is the York Rite. The old Blue Lodge is the bottom and basis of it all. This Body of ours is not an outgrowth, but it is a *part* of that system, and our loyalty and our every duty is to that system, the only system of the world that is working hard for the betterment of the world. See what it has done in our own state. Who takes care of our widows and orphans? I thank God that it started in that state. I was present at the laying of the corner-stone, and we builded better than we knew."

We greatly applaud this loyalty to Blue Lodge.

In his address the Grand High Priest said:

"In bidding you welcome to the One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, it is

with a feeling of pride and satisfaction that throughout our Jurisdiction the utmost peace and harmony prevails and not a ripple of discord has manifested itself anywhere to mar the progress and prosperity of the Royal Craft."

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"It is a pleasure to report that all Chapters of this Jurisdiction are active and striving earnestly for the uplift of the Order. Our membership has steadily increased and the growth has been healthy. I believe that everywhere in the state greater interest is being manifested in Royal Arch Masonry than ever before. It is in this atmosphere of peace, prosperity and progress, that I bid you a most cordial welcome to the One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter."

About fifteen pages are devoted to the subject of Necrology. Especially noted were the deaths of P. G. H. P. William J. McDonald and R. E., Christopher G. Fox, the veteran Grand Secretary; also R. E., Charles T. Lunt, R. E., Frank T. Gilbert, R. E., Charles H. Halstead and R. E., James A. Babcock.

Just after his election the M E. was supplied with a check for \$300.00 to be applied to a case of charity. Response to the donation was tender and affectionate. He trusted the beautiful custom would continue.

The Grand High Priest had issued eighteen "ordinary dispensations" and eight special dispensations. Degrees had been conferred for other Grand Jurisdictions in three instances. For Vermont, Iowa and Florida; and in four cases work had been done for New York, by Oregon, Texas, Ohio and Quebec.

The Grand High Priest applauded those Grand Representatives who had done their duty, and trusted they would continue to do so. We note that at each end of the line between New York and Alabama, the diplomats had been re-appointed.

The Grand High Priest reported decisions as follows:

Asked if it is lawful for the Secretary of the Chapter to retain in his possession, for from one to seven months, funds received for the fees, he answered that it was positively not, but he must as soon as practicable turn said monies over to the Treasurer.

The Grand High Priest held that a Chapter could not confer honorary degrees on one of its own members.

A proposed amendment to the Constitution appears in these proceedings, but as it will come up for final action at next Annual, we pass it without further notice now.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances had no business before it.

The Grand High Priest was re-elected, but declined to serve again, and R. E. Frederick W. Culler was then unanimously elected to take his place. M. E. Charles C. Hunt was elected Grand Secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the greatly lamented Christopher G. Fox.

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended approval of the decisions of the Grand High Priest, and its recommendation was adopted.

The Grand Chaplain delivered an interesting and inspiring address on the "Spirit of Masonry," and was thanked for the same, and requested to furnish a copy for publication with the proceedings.

We have, owing to the lateness of this paper, given that address a hasty reading, but are satisfied that it was a treat for the Companions.

The Committee on Memorials, whose report was adopted, paid a fine tribute to the departed Companions, and presented valuable suggestions to their hearers as to the true principles of Masonry, as well as to exemplification of those principles by themselves.

General Grand High Priest, Comp. Witt, made a few parting remarks on the gratification his visit had afforded him.

A souvenir to the retiring Grand High Priest was voted for him, also it was ordered that a portrait of him be put in the proceedings.

The Grand Treasurer reported total assets in all funds as \$109,960.12.

The Finance Committee made a business-like report, disposing of all matters referred to it.

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests did a "land office business" in the way of gaining accessions to the Order. By our count ninety High Priests were "Anointed, Consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood."

CORRESPONDENCE.

We are pleased to see that the Report on Foreign Correspondence is still the work of Comp. M. I. Greenwood.

Alabama, 1911, is most courteously treated. He will please accept the writer's thanks for kind words concerning the Alabama Report on

Correspondence. Those words make us feel good, notwithstanding we cannot rest assured that the commendation is merited.

Under Illinois we quote as follows:

"The Correspondence Report was again by M. E. George W. Warvelle, it being his eleventh annual report. He finds that there is comparatively little to write about in the Proceedings of the fifty-seven Grand Chapters that have come to his hands (New York not being one of them), and he says:

'About all the reviewer can do, in the average case, is to note the facts of harmony, prosperity and general good will, and let it go at that. To attempt more is simply to give a synopsis of the routine business of the Convocation, and this, as a rule, makes rather dry reading in other Jurisdictions. Of course, there are those who think otherwise, and who give shape to their convictions by extended reviews. But, are they read? That is, are they read by the persons to whom they are addressed and for whom they were presumably prepared? I know that in Illinois such has not been the case, and so, pursuing my policy of former years my jurisdictional reviews are brief. I try to present matters that I think may interest you and to avoid inconsequential details. As you have approved this course in the past I trust the present epistle may also meet with your approbation.'

And then he goes through the Proceedings with a 'hop, skip and jump,' reserving his comments till the close and then embodying them in a 'Postscript,' which contains the meat of the whole.

It is a good mental tonic to read his comments; and they must be read to be appreciated; no extract can convey the effect that it is designed to produce, which is done, not so much by what he says, as in the way that he says it. These are the headings under each of which he gives his views in no uncertain way: 'Grand Representatives, Undesirables, Lodge Suspension, Rituals, Concurrent Jurisdiction, Testimonials, Applause, Smoke,' and whether one agrees with him or not, no offense can be taken from anything he says.

In his conclusion he puts up New York, Illinois, Ohio, and Pennsylvania as the big four in Grand Chapter Jurisdictions, standing in the above order, and he hugs himself with the hope that at the present rate of gain, Illinois will be soon at the head of the list. Well, Companion, if you get there, be assured there will be no jealousy nor hard feelings, but we will say this, when that time comes, we will know that you have done some tall climbing, and it will not be done in one year nor two."

Comp. Greenwood's report is very concise, in accordance with views he expresses.

We have only room for his

"CONCLUSION."

"We have gone over all of the Proceedings that have come to us in time for our annual report and you have it before you. It has been to us a pleasure, and we trust it will be to you a benefit.

Since we began writing these annual reports, many of those in the same position in other Grand Chapters have passed through the veils into the upper sanctuary, and these frequent occurrences impress upon us the fact that in a very few years we also will drop out of this work, and we cannot help wondering if any of the light that we have tried to give to others will shine on, and for them after our departure.

The one event that impressed that thought most deeply was the death of our Companion Christopher G. Fox. When the writer of this stood up in the last session of the Grand Chapter of New York, and installed him into the office of Grand Secretary for the forty-sixth year and called to his mind that more than forty years before he had been a member of the Grand Lodge of New York, and there voted for Christopher G. Fox for Grand Master, it told of the flight of time and the rapidity with which the years pass by, and called to mind the lesson of the Hourglass in the Third Degree; but we are not of those who are always looking backward with regret, but rather looking forward with bright anticipation of a glorious future.

As we survey the field of Royal Arch Masonry, we see nothing but peace and prosperity, and nothing need to cause any feeling of uneasiness or for the future of the Craft, and the only care should be, to see to it that the beginners are thoroughly taught the principles intended to be inculcated by the degrees of the Chapter, and thus will be accomplished, the result for which we are all striving.

M. I. GREENWOOD,
Chairman."

Comp. Frederick W. Culler, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Charles C. Hunt, R. E., Grand Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND.

21ST ANNUAL.—INVERCARGILL—JANUARY, 1913.

Comp. Arthur Clothier (P. G. Z.) as Grand Z.

Number of Chapters, 32. (1 Mark Lodge.) Number of Members, 1,541. Net gain, 33.

The Supreme Committee presented its twenty-first annual report. In said report the Committee expressed its opinion that in New Zealand R. A. Freemasonry was "quite holding its own, and doing excellent work in this (that) country."

Two new Chapters had been instituted.

An annuity of \$110.00 had been appropriated to the Grand Lodge as a supplement to its fund—charity fund, we imagine.

Grand Chapter emphatically refused to so amend its law as to provide that Grand Chapter may meet the same week the Grand

Lodge does. It likewise would not suffer that a Brother wishing for advancement may apply to any other Chapter than the one nearest his residence.

In the Grand High Priest's address we find a brief passage, which seems to us a little extravagant.

It follows:

"The higher we rise the greater become our responsibilities. The Royal Arch—the copestone of the structure—demands more from its members. This sublime degree has been alluded to as 'the root, heart, and marrow of Freemasonry'; as 'indescribably more august, sublime, and important than all which precedes it'; as 'the summit and perfection of Freemasonry'; 'in it we find everything made perfect; for this is the ne plus ultra of Masonry, and can never be excelled by any human institution.'"

We mean no reflection on the so-called "higher" degrees; nevertheless we undertake to affirm that there is no better Masonry than that of the true, loyal, kind and high-minded Master Mason.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents (District Deputies) were of much interest to the Companions.

The statistics in this neat pamphlet are, of course, especially interesting to New Zealanders.

Comp. W. Smith, M.°, E.°, Grand First Principal.

Comp. Herbert J. Williams, R.°, E.°, Grand Scribe E.

NORTH CAROLINA.

65TH ANNUAL—WILMINGTON—JUNE, 1913.

Grand Chapter convened Tuesday, 3d June.

Comp. John E. Cameron, M.°, E.°, Grand High Priest, whose portrait graces the first page of this volume.

According to the report of the Committee on Credentials, all but two of the Grand Officers were present together with 9 P. G. H. P.'s, 1 P. G. K., 29 P. H. P.'s, Representatives of 26 Chapters and 20 Grand Representatives, among whom, as we note with pleasure, was Alabama's Representative.

Chapters on the roll, 46. Membership, 3,092. Net gain, 213.

The opening lines of the Grand High Priest's address convey the following cheering words:

"To the Grand Chapter of North Carolina:

Companions:—In bidding you welcome to the 65th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of North Carolina, it is with a feeling of pride and satisfaction that throughout our Jurisdiction the utmost peace and harmony prevails and not a ripple of discord has manifested itself anywhere to mar the progress and prosperity of the Royal Craft."

M. E. Companion Cameron had granted five dispensations: One for reviving a dormant Chapter, two for waiving time in conferring degrees, and two for formation of new Chapters.

He reported three decisions, the import of which was as follows:

1. A Master Mason who had been elected by a Chapter, but who became a non-affiliate before receiving the degrees, could not receive the degrees while unaffiliated. The M. E. wished the Committee on Jurisprudence to pass upon this ruling which was conformable to a ruling of the General Grand Chapter on the same subject.

2. Requested to order a new ballot on the petition of a Brother who had been rejected, he ruled that "We have no right to question why he was thus rejected." Correct.

3. A candidate had received three of the degrees, when objection was made to further advancement. Candidate having left the state wants the Chapter which elected him and conferred the three degrees to request some other Chapter to finish up the work. Held that said request could not be granted until the objection was withdrawn. (Sec. 5 of Article 14, p. 37, Constitution and By-Laws.) Also correct.

A former Grand High Priest had decided to the contrary. The M. E. would thank the Jurisprudence Committee to give its opinion.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the decisions of the Grand High Priest.

The Committee was of the opinion that the Grand High Priest should tell Grand Chapter why he granted dispensation to waive time in the case of the fifteen petitions to hurry up in conferring the degrees.

The Grand High Priest's recommendations were of local interest for the most part.

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance was the sum of \$1,976.92. This was on June 3, 1913.

On motion of Comp. James Southgate, official fraternal relations were entered into with the Grand Chapter of Utah.

From the report of the Education Committee it appears that Grand Chapter has a right to felicitate itself on having secured higher education to two promising young persons—one of either sex.

Those two young lives have been brightened, broadened and elevated thereby.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations one Chapter was granted a Charter, and, at their own request, two Chapters were continued U. D.

The Grand High Priest and his associates had a good time at the Indianapolis Triennial.

The Committee on Necrology made fitting report.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence is again presented by that capable and experienced reviewer, Comp. James Southgate.

Comp. Southgate reviews the proceedings of fifty-five Grand Chapters and those of the General Grand Chapter, 1909.

Alabama, 1912, is very courteously treated.

The reviewer says of the G. H. P.'s address:

"The address of the Grand High Priest contained solid matter, and he states that from a material and ethical standpoint they have made progress. The larger Chapters had been doing excellent work, and the less favored ones had been revived and strengthened, and the whole was a very gratifying increase in numbers. No new Chapters had been added, but many dormant ones had been revived, and those lacking in vigor had been renewed."

Comp. Southgate says our Grand Secretary "neglects to give his gain in membership." Comp. Southgate, wipe your glasses, and look on page 209, Alabama proceedings, 1912. Comp. Beauchamp is not wont to "neglect" anything.

Comp. Southgate is very kind and polite in referring to the Alabama Report on Foreign Correspondence, for which we make our profoundest salaam.

Judging from his writings, Comp. Southgate is young in spirit, if not in body. How old are you, Companion? We are only eighty-six years and nine months old at this writing.

We extract his compliment to Comp. Thielsen, of Oregon, as follows:

"The Report on Correspondence (65 pp.) is the initial labor of Companion H. B. Thielsen, who is the successor in this role of Companion Hodson, who for so many years held up the banner in the State of Oregon, and he seems to fear that he can't fill the place of such men as Hodson, Barron, Rugg and Speed, but we don't think that he needs to despair or fear that he will fall very far short, for he exhibits the marks of a good writer and will doubtless give complete satisfaction to the Companions of his State."

We do so partly because it is well merited, and partly because we have ever held those worthies in such high regard.

The Convention of Anointed High Priests elected to the Order an even dozen of eligible Companions.

Comp. John T. Alderman, M., E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. James C. Munds, Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA.

24TH ANNUAL—BISMARCK—JUNE, 1913.

Comp. Clarence A. Hale, M., E., Grand High Priest, whose intelligent face graces the first page of this pamphlet.

Chartered Chapters, 20. U. D., 2. Membership, 2,534. Net gain, 172.

From the address of the Grand High Priest, it is learned that one Chapter had been constituted, two new Chapters granted dispensations for organizing, and a few special dispensations for various purposes had been issued.

Three decisions were reported:

1. That a Companion desiring to affiliate with a Chapter should first visit the Chapter and make himself known as a Royal Arch Mason.
2. That there is no time limit to the conferring of the degrees after election. Therefore, in the case of one elected more than a year ago, a new ballot is not necessary.
3. Officers of a Chapter U. D. do not have to be installed.

We also learn from the address that our Companions of North Dakota were not neglectful of the "flood sufferers."

The Grand High Priest was quite jubilant over his visit to the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter, U. S. A. at Indianapolis.

He recommended that the Grand Chapter By-Laws be so amended as to require that the degrees be conferred within twelve months after election, and that, after the expiration of that period, a new ballot be required.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash was \$11,228.35.

We must compliment Companion Stockwell on the make-up of his report.

The "Third Group of P. G. H. P.'s" is a good looking lot, as pictured in this volume.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the decisions of the Grand High Priest, with the amendment that applicants for affiliation must visit the Chapter that they may be recognized as R. A. Masons, and identified, or vouched for, as the persons to whom the dimits had been granted, before election is had in their cases.

The Committee approved all the dispensations granted, and made the two following recommendations, viz:

"No. 1—We approve of the recommendation of the Grand High Priest, that the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter be amended to read, that if more than one year elapses after election a new ballot must be taken before degrees can be conferred, and that the same procedure must be taken if one year elapses between each of the degrees.

No. 2—We recommend that where more than one team is admitted at the same meeting, that each team must be worked separately up to the historical lecture of the degree."

The report of the Committee as a whole was adopted.

On recommendation of the Finance Committee, Grand Chapter joined with the Grand Lodge of North Dakota A. F. & A. M. in the purpose of erecting at the State Tuberculosis Sanitarium, and furnishing the same, a cottage at expense to Grand Chapter of \$2,000.00. That's real Masonry.

A Committee of three was appointed to consider the feasibility of inaugurating an Annual Report on Correspondence, Committee to report at next Annual.

Comp. Charles E. Tillson, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Walter L. Stockwell, R. E. Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

43D ANNUAL—SYDNEY—JUNE, 1912.

Number of Chapters, 17. Members, 1,392.

Comp. John Hay, M. E. Grand High Priest, whose portrait graces the first page of this volume of proceedings.

The address of the Grand High Priest evinces faithful discharge of duty and true conception of what should be expected from one occupying his high position.

Under the head of "Our Fraternal Dead," he specially mentioned the demise of R. E. Companion William Ross, dean of the Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia. He included in the list of prominent Companions deceased in other Jurisdictions, our own beloved R. E. Comp. Wm. H. Dingley. Subsequently he issued a memorial circular on the death of Comp. the Rev. Henry D. deBlois.

He had made thirteen visitations to Chapters, to the great encouragement of the bodies visited.

Five special dispensations had been granted. One of these permitted a Chapter to use two substitutes in conferring the R. A. degree.

The Grand High Priest's one decision reported was elicited by the case of a Brother, a subscribing member of a Lodge on the Registry of Scotland, who when a boy had sustained an injury which caused his left leg to be stiff so that the knee could not be bent. The M. E. ruled that the Brother was not eligible and added that he could not have been made a Mason in Nova Scotia.

One of his recommendations was for recognition of the Grand Chapter of Utah.

Another recommendation looked to preserving records of the lives and Masonic history of prominent deceased Companions.

The remaining recommendations were of local interest only.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash in bank was the sum of \$2,051.06.

The Committee on the address, after commending to the Craft the Grand High Priest's remarks respecting the departed worthy Companions, and his reference to the awful disaster of the "Titanic," quoted as follows from his address:

"You will note by the reports of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and the Board of General Purposes that our beloved Order has enjoyed a year of great prosperity, that peace and harmony prevails within our borders and that our relations with foreign Jurisdictions are of the most cordial character, all of which are golden words and tell the whole story."

The Grand Representatives present were introduced, welcomed and escorted to the East.

"The Chairman of the Board of General Purposes and the Grand Secretary were authorized to have the expenses of this Convocation paid."

"PROCEEDINGS."

"On motion of M., E., Comp. D. H. Campbell, seconded by R., E., Comp. B. D. Bent, the Grand Secretary was directed to have 500 copies of the proceedings of this annual Convocation printed and to make the usual distribution."

The Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood, elected six eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by the Committee of three. At this late hour we cannot give their report the attention it merits, but will hope to do better in future.

Fifty-one volumes of proceedings were reviewed by the Committee. In consequence of the illness of Comp. Bingay, one of the Committee, Comp. Waddell did the work of two Committeemen.

Alabama, 1911, fell to Comp. Waddell's lot, and received at his hands courteous and brotherly attention.

Referring to the address of Grand High Priest William E. Bingham, Companion Waddell says:

"Grand High Priest Bingham's address is a well written, terse, yet comprehensive document, to our mind just what such documents should be, a clear and full account of his doings as Chief Ruler of the Royal Craft. He paid loving tribute to the memory of the Companion William H. Dingley, who had served Grand Chapter as Treasurer for over forty years and who, full of years and rich in the affection of his Companions, had been called to rest during the year. Sympathetic mention was also made of those, in his own and other Jurisdictions who had passed over the river."

Having quoted the writer's apology for the imperfections of the Alabama Report that year, he says:

"We sincerely sympathize with our good Companion in his illness, a condition to which the writer has learned, during the past few years to accommodate himself as occurring to himself periodically—the present writing having been delayed a couple of months by just such an interruption. There are compensations. Had the writer not had to make frequent visits to his doctor he might never have noticed the following motto that hung on the wall of the reception room: 'The legs of the duck are short, the legs of the stork are long. You can't make the stork's legs short; you can't make the duck's legs long. Why worry?' But Comp. Titcomb has no cause to worry over the quality of his reports. They are always up among the high liners, this one like those that have gone before. He always makes his legs harmonize with the bodies he puts them on."

Comp. Waddell will please accept our grateful thanks for his kind interest in our welfare, and also receive our hearty wish that the future bring him robust health.

Comp. Donald F. Fraser, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Samuel J. Waddell, R. E., Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

96TH ANNUAL—DAYTON—SEPTEMBER, 1912.

Active Chapters, 172. U. D., None. Membership, 33,415. Net gain, 1,712.

Comp. Joseph Kirkup, M. E., Grand High Priest.

We note with pleasure that Comp. Schuyler B. Tuthill, Alabama's Representative, was at his post of duty.

The Grand High Priest incorporated in his address a memorial of P. G. H. P. Comp. Jacob L. H. Long, paying fine tribute to the rare virtues of the deceased.

In person and by proxy he had constituted two Chapters. He had granted nine dispensations, none of them to waive time in conferring degrees. For reasons deemed good and sufficient, he had refused four dispensations. Three of these, if granted, would have broken the sixty days limit, the remaining one would have anticipated the time set for election of officers.

Under "Decisions" he referred to approved decisions which had been rendered null and void by amendments to the Code, and ruled on the subject of concurrent Jurisdiction. He also made a recommendation as to the apron.

On the foregoing subject the Jurisprudence Committee reported for the purpose of making the law clear and explicit.

We quote:

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the following decisions reported by the M. E. Grand High Priest in his annual address, begs leave to report as follows:

Decision A. 'Decisions 208 and 227 were rendered null and void when Section 23 of the Code was amended so that Chapters in the same city shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction over their aggregate territory (Pro. 1903, p. 44.)'

In regard thereto your Committee reports:

The law of the Grand Chapter in regard to the subject of concurrent jurisdiction has been, ever since the recognition of that kind of jurisdiction, and is now, in an unsatisfactory shape, and seems to your Committee to need such changes as may make it certain and easily understood. The law of the Grand Lodge upon the subject is much more definite and complete than our own provisions, and it would seem to be wise to so change our Code as to make the Grand Chapter law uniform with that of the Grand Lodge. We, therefore, recommend that the following amendments be made at this time, so that when the Revised Code, which is submitted to you for adoption at the present session, is printed, they may be incorporated therein.

Amend Section 23 of the Code to read as follows:

23. All applications for the Chapter Degrees must be made by petition to the Chapter nearest the place where the candidate resides; provided, that any other Chapter may receive and act upon a petition by and with the consent of such nearest Chapter; provided further, that when two or more Chapters are located in the same city or town they shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction over their aggregate territory."

In regard to the "Apron" the Committee reported as follows:

"Companions: Your Committee to which was referred the decision of the M. E. Grand High Priest that linen or cotton aprons of proper color and design might be used in place of lambskin, and suggesting that amendments of decisions 97 and 98 of this Grand Chapter be made, begs to recommend for approval so much of said decision as dispenses with the necessity of the aprons being made of lambskin; but as to amending the two decisions referred to, your Committee recommends that they be abrogated as not being binding upon this Grand Chapter or its subordinates."

We have not given in full the Committee's report on Concurrent Jurisdiction. The whole report was adopted.

The Grand Treasurer reported balance in hand of \$24,321.26.

Grand Secretary Habenbuch is a most faithful officer.

M. J. E. J. Orion P. Sperra, Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted his Annual Report, which was ordered to be printed with the proceedings.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of Utah.

Well-merited honors were paid to M. J. E. J. Graff M. Acklin.

We quote from the report of the Necrologist:

"ALABAMA."

"M. J. E. J. Comp. William Henry Dingley, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, died at his home in Montgomery, Alabama, September 16, 1911, aged 76 years. He enjoyed the remarkable and unique record of never having missed an annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, or Grand Council from the year he received the degrees. The latter years of his life he devoted exclusively to his work as Registrar of the Grand Lodge, and to the discharge of his duties as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, and Grand Council. For a great many years he was a devout member of the Episcopal Church. His favorite lines were:

'Death! I do not fear thee—
Death! I dare come near thee—
The present good I always seize;
The present ill I bear with ease.
I ne'er look back on passing sorrow—
I never tremble for tomorrow.

I ne'er from harmless pleasure fly,
Nor fill the cup of joy too high.
What nature gives I ne'er abuse.
What nature wants I ne'er refuse.
Thus I secure in tranquil state
Shun the extremes and leave the rest to fate.'"

"Aged 76 years," is incorrect. Companion Dingley was in his 87th year at the time of his death.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations a Charter was granted to one Chapter U. D.

The Grand Representatives present were received and welcomed in the usual manner.

The Ohio Masonic Home is a grand institution.

From the well-penned report of the Superintendent we quote:

"In order to be able to thoroughly comprehend the workings of a home such as ours, with its features of sunshine and shadows, its joys and sorrows, requires days of study and observation in order

also to appreciate this great work of sweet Masonic Charity represented in this Grand Home, so appropriately designed and constructed in the form of an anchor, which finds safe anchorage upon an eminence of solid rock and overlooking across a beautiful valley the enterprising city of Springfield, where it stands a glorious monument to the kind and generous heart-beats of the many loyal Masons of Ohio, in the great work among the brotherhood of men, any one of whom may find sweet and happy consolation in the thought that though today in prosperous circumstances with happy home and family surroundings, should the uncertainties of human life bring to him with passing years its burdens of trials and bereavements, that there is provided here for his children a home where they may be taught and reared to useful lives so that when the time shall come for them to pass out from under its protecting portals they will be fitted to fight life's battles creditable to themselves and an honor to our great Fraternity. Or where that he or she who has been his loving helpmate and companion through life, may, should misfortune overtake them, find a refuge from life's storms, and in the language of one of the dear sweet souls of our household, each day thank God for the benefits of this beautiful Home in which freed from the cares and worries of this life he or she may spend their declining days in peace and quietude."

At the date of the report under inspection, there were at the Home 71 men, 50 women, 28 boys and 22 girls. Total residents, 171.

To show what our Ohio Companions and Brethren have done to improve the Home, witness the following:

"HOSPITAL."

"Improvements made represent almost an entire change in the interior of the building. A settling of walls made necessary a leveling of floors and reconstruction of partitions. The entire plastering of what constituted the old part of building has been removed and replastered with modern rock substance plaster. Four large wards have been cut up into rooms so constructed that each room is provided with windows and closet, halls have been lengthened by the removal of partitions and closet obstruction to permit greater convenience and better ventilation; three steep and narrow stairways have been torn out and new ones of wider construction and easy landings have been built at points more suitable; entire alteration of the kitchen department and other changes too numerous to mention have been made so that it is now almost an entirely changed building, in point of interior appearance, convenience and general cheerfulness, and thus improved stands to-day to represent with greater force the loving charity of the noble Order whose members never tire in their ever-willing effort to do the Master's work of helping the needy and the alleviation of sorrow and suffering. Words cannot express the comforts they have helped to bestow, the lives prolonged and ends made brighter by what they have done as shown by the work of our hospital so generously provided by them."

The construction of a well equipped, up-to-date hospital was a great desideratum—and they now have it at Springfield—some day we will have one at *our* Home, but—Rome, etc.

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests did a land-office business in electing eighty Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the ready pen of M. E. Comp. Orion P. Sperra, who presents a review of the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Jurisdictions—four of them for two years.

Comp. Sperra writes with ease and grace.

Alabama, 1911, is most fraternally treated and the writer gratefully appreciates kind words personal to himself.

Comp. Thomas H. Isitt, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Edwin Hagenbuch, R. E., Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA.

24TH ANNUAL—SHAWNEE—APRIL, 1913.

Comp. Milo Arthur Nelson, M. E., Grand High Priest, whose portrait graces the first page of this well-printed volume.

We are glad to note that our Representative, M. E. Comp. William H. Essex, was reported present.

Number of Chapters (by our count), 60. Members, 4,621. Net gain, 301. The Grand High Priest says there are seventy-four Chapters.

From the able address of the Grand High Priest, we extract the following paragraph as illustrating what energy an enterprise can do:

"At that time Shawnee was in Indian Country, having a traders store, blacksmith shop and less than a score of inhabitants. The past twenty-four years has set a new pace in the building of a great commonwealth. I doubt if any country in the history of the world can compare with it. From an Indian Country without civil or criminal laws of its own, the peace of which was enforced by the powerful hand of Uncle Sam, whose Court was over two hundred miles away; we now have this grand new State of Oklahoma, with a farmer on nearly every quarter section of those hitherto forbidden

lands where villages, towns and cities have sprung up as in a night, railway lines have interlaced its surface; we have modern buildings and modern government, with churches of every denomination, with schools and colleges and every thing which serves to bring light into dark places, while civilization and progress is still at work, developing this land of promise."

The Grand High Priest had issued special dispensations for constituting five Chapters under Charter, and had granted a number of such dispensations to elect and install officers out of statutory time.

Circumstances beyond his control had prevented him from making as many visitations as he had intended.

He reported but one decision, as follows:

"QUERY: I have been called upon to render but few decisions; most have been answered by direct reference to certain sections of the By-Laws, but one could not be thus disposed of. A Companion of a Chapter was exalted and failed to pay part of his initiation fee and also his dues. Shortly after he was exalted he took the Commandery and Shrine and made no attempt to settle the balance of his fee in the Chapter. Shall we take action in this matter? Is not this a Masonic offense?"

ANSWER: I am of the opinion that the non-payment of the fee is clearly the fault of your Chapter. Our laws clearly provide that all fees shall be paid in advance. No Masonic action could be sustained. Personally, I think this Companion is unworthy of Masonic benefits and if he is now under suspension, you have gone as far as you can."

His recommendations were mostly of local interest.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash on hand was the sum of \$5,283.44.

The Grand Secretary "got behind" some Chapters which had been delinquent in sending up their returns. Those Chapters should spare the Grand Secretary unnecessary trouble by observing the "Golden Rule."

Companion Charles C. Kneisly, Committee on Correspondence (whose portrait appears in this volume), had just finished his Annual Report, when death overtook him, he being one of the best beloved and most highly respected of the Royal Craft.

Grand Secretary, Comp. Bennett, presented to Grand Chapter the advance printed copy of Comp. Kneisly's report, and it was ordered that several hundred copies thereof be published and distributed among the Companions.

Splendid exemplification of the Work in the M. E. M. degree was rendered before Grand Chapter by Shawnee Chapter.

On favorable report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, a Charter was granted to one Chapter U. D., and another such Chapter was continued U. D., but opportunity was given said Chapter to fulfill all requirements and send the papers to the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary, who, when satisfied, would by their signatures, make them a full-fledged Chartered Chapter.

The Committee on Jurisprudence endorsed the Special Dispensations of the Grand High Priest, but was of the opinion that his decision in regard to the Companion who had failed to pay his fees and dues was not "far-reaching enough," but that summary action should be taken in his case.

The Committee, however, agreed with the Grand High Priest that it was the Chapter's fault, and after considerable discussion, concurred in the ruling of the Grand High Priest. That was right.

Oklahoma City will be the next place of meeting.

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests elected twenty-five eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence was the excellent work of our late Comp. Charles C. Kneisly.

His son gathered up his papers and furnished them to Grand Chapter with the following explanation:

"To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma:

Among the papers of the late Charles C. Kneisly was an envelope containing the following report. The apt phrases of the introduction that you have become used to in the reports of the past are missing, as are the reports on the states of Virginia, West Virginia, Washington, and Wyoming. Using a will power that was looked on by his friends as supernatural, he spent his last days reading the above mentioned reports and making notes on the margins, but no one could write in that pleasant and concise style which has been given you in the past.

In view of this I am sending you a work not quite finished, trusting that to those whom he called Companions it will give a small part of the pleasure in reading that it gave to my father in preparation.

Following the Wisconsin report are a few excerpts from reports of others, how he would have linked them together I leave to you individually.

GEORGE WALLACE KNEISLY."

Alabama, 1912, received courteous and fraternal notice. The address of our Grand High Priest, Comp. Lawrence H. Lee, was thus characterized:

"A most pleasing address, and what would have been expected from this eloquent Companion."

After briefly summarizing our proceedings, he made use of the following expressions which, in its compliments, we feel utterly unable to verify:

"William Yates Titcomb, the eighty-six years young writer of highly appreciated reports on correspondence for Alabama, submits the finished report on correspondence, one hundred fifty-one pages, reviewing the proceedings of fifty Grand Jurisdictions, and though Oklahoma, was not fortunate enough to reach him, still we think that a few of his comments will be appreciated by our Companions, and we quote, under California, in re. uses a Chapter may make of its excess funds."

He makes a couple of extracts from the writer's report.

Our Grand Chapter meets in a month from the date, and we have fifteen volumes yet to be reviewed, so this imperfect paper will have to take its chances of acceptance.

Comp. Henry K. Ricker, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Leo. E. Bennett, R. E., Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

53D ANNUAL—PORTLAND—JANUARY, 1913.

Number of Chapters, 34. Members, 3,724. Net gain, 206.

Comp. Oscar Hayter, M. E., Grand High Priest.

In his address, the Grand High Priest, after paying suitable tribute to the fraternal dead, reported six special dispensations that he had granted for various purposes, all of which he had deemed worthy of favorable action on his part.

He reported three decisions, in substance as follows:

1. Candidates for the Chapter degrees should be clothed with white aprons.

The writer agrees, since the white apron is the distinctive mark of Symbolic Masonry, and none other than Blue Lodge Masons are

eligible for Capitular Masonry, candidates would properly bear that mark—or badge—when applying for the Chapter degrees.

2. In the second decision, he ruled that a dispensation was not necessary for conferring on a candidate the P. M. and M. E. M. degrees at the same meeting.

3. The third decision related to the following:

An investigating committee failed to make report on a petition, whereupon the High Priest appointed a new committee on said petition and said new committee reported favorably "within two minutes"; then the High Priest ordered a ballot on the petition, and the candidate was elected. The Grand High Priest ruled that the action in said case was not illegal.

All we have to say about it is that it evinced undue haste.

The Grand High Priest had recommended the appointment of Comp. Jay Tuttle, of Astoria, as Grand Representative of Alabama near the Grand Chapter of Oregon, and had appointed Grand Secretary Geo. A. Beauchamp as Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

The Grand Treasurer's balance was \$6,260.72.

We congratulate our Companions of Oregon upon having so good a Grand Secretary as Comp. James F. Robinson.

Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Henry B. Thielsen presented his Report on Correspondence. Received and ordered published with the proceedings.

The Grand Lecturer, Comp. Yoran, delivered an able address on Masonry, for which he was thanked by a rising vote.

The Committee on Jurisprudence endorsed the decisions of the Grand High Priest, and the Committee's report was adopted.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead made brief, fitting report.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected eight eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence is from the facile pen of P. G. H. P. Comp. Henry B. Thielsen, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

Alabama, 1912, receives a little over two pages of fraternal notice.

Grand High Priest Lee's address is pronounced "excellent." Comp. Thielsen quotes therefrom approvingly.

He kindly yields nearly a page of his space, having quoted us in regard to substitutes, the burden of our remark having been three, no more, no less. Comp. Thielsen says, "with this the writer heartily agrees."

Comp. Thielsen gives a good summary of proceedings in other Jurisdictions, and his comments, though brief, are always pertinent.

Comp. M. S. Woodcock, M.°, E.°, Grand High Priest.

Comp. James F. Robinson, R.°, E.°, Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

117TH ANNUAL—PHILADELPHIA—DECEMBER, 1912.

Number of Chapters, 135. Mark Lodges, 3. Membership, 32,503. Net gain, 808.

Comp. A. G. Criswell Smith, M.°, E.°, Grand High Priest.

This splendidly executed volume contains the proceedings of its Quarterly Convocations and its Annual for 1912.

The business of the several Quarterlies was conducted with wonted dignity and order, but with little to call for outside comment.

At the March Quarterly the Secretary of a certain Chapter was on recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, removed from office on account of irregularities knowingly committed by him, and it was ordered that if certain Companions did not pay to the Chapter their fees within three months, their names be stricken from the roll.

The Committee made further recommendations in regard to arrearages of members. That is business. If the Companions pay promptly, they'll take interest in the Chapter.

At the September Quarterly, in response to invitations, several eloquent addresses were made by distinguished visitors. We shall be pardoned for making a couple of brief extracts from one of these—that of the Grand High Priest of Massachusetts—as follows:

"So, as we who love Masonry, recall the unbroken lines of its masters and teachers reaching back through the centuries until their faint receding shadows are lost in the mists of antiquity, we also realize their potent spirit of devotion to, and unquestioning belief in, our

ancient institutions, that has ever held it to be the handmaid of the Almighty, upholding truth, teaching obedience to His laws, and reverence for His Holy Name.

"Franklin, Boston's greatest son, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania; Washington on his knees at prayer in the snow at Valley Forge; Lafayette bringing the moral support and sympathy of a great nation in our time of need; Warren, dying at Bunker Hill; all Masons, all Royal Arch Masons,—in their lives of patriotic endeavor exhibited that character that is the essential attribute of Masonry. And we may well remember and express equal devotion to her teachings. Does not Masonry ever speak to us in uplifting terms of thought, well expressed by a great preacher:

'My Father, may I lift my eyes to the hills! May I not be satisfied with the standards of the plains! May I seek my ideals in the mount! Bay I breathe the mountain air even when I walk the valleys of time.'

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"As Royal Arch Masons let us ever keep the ancient faith of our fathers unsullied and unimpaired; the ancient landmarks unchanged and unaltered; let us live nearer to and exemplify our God-given teachings of purity of life and speech; let us not profane the Holy of Holies by unworthiness in any form; let us never cater or bow the knee to the low or ignoble; let us remember that Masonic banquets are a means to an end, not the end itself; let us conserve our resources by establishing permanent funds in our Chapters, that we may better and in larger measure, during the centuries yet unrolled from the hand of God, redeem our promises to the weak and suffering; to the widows and orphans of our loved Companions who have passed beyond the veil! let us ever remember to keep with knightly faith, our vows of fraternity, and carry into our own homes and lives the gentle spirit of the Fatherhood of God found in our ancient mystic Brotherhood of Man everywhere, in every land, from the Arctic snows to the shifting sands of the desert; from Himalayan heights to the Golden Gate on the Pacific; from the palms of the Antipodes to the swaying shadows of the pines under the 'Midnight Sun.'"

The annual report of the Finance Committee shows that receipts had amounted to \$15,835.02, and expenditures to the sum of \$15,054.63.

The Charity and Emergency Relief Fund showed a balance in hand of \$1,142.82.

At the December Quarterly, on invitation, Past Grand High Priest Edgar A. Tennis delivered a very beautiful memorial address on the life and character of the late M. E. Ezra S. Bartlett.

The M. E. had granted three special dispensations. One of these was to confer the R. A. Degree on a sea-faring man about to leave on a long voyage, and who could not wait the constitutional time.

Under "Decisions" we find the following:

"Decided that a petition could not be received from a Brother who has lost almost half of one of his fingers. Decisions of Michael W. Jacobs, Grand High Priest, 1899, and J. Henry Williams, Grand High Priest, 1906.

Decided that a member cannot make objections to a candidate in open Chapter prior to the report of the Committee on Inquiry.

Decided in three cases, that where the petitioner has allowed the time provided by the Constitution to expire before presenting himself for the Degrees, proceedings in each case must cease. Constitution 1911, page 59, Section 5.

Removed from office, Companion-----Secretary of Royal Arch Chapter No. ----- in compliance with report of Committee on Jurisprudence, unanimously approved by Grand Chapter.

September 17, 1912. Declared the action of ----- R. A. Chapter No. ----- in approving for membership the petition of ----- null and void, that his name be stricken from the roll of the Chapter, and that all dues paid by him to the Chapter be returned to him."

In four instances he had asked and received waiver of Jurisdiction and had granted the same in eight instances.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence was submitted, as usual, by a Committee of five. P. G. H. P.'s, William B. Meredith, Stockton Bates, John M. Gore, George Hale and George Park Singer.

The Committee passed in review on fifty volumes of proceedings.

Ten volumes, including Alabama, fell to the lot of Comp. Meredith.

The introduction was from the pen of Comp. Stockton Bates, and so well written was it that it is worth repeating, both on account of its literary quality and its genuine Masonic spirit.

We quote:

"There is internal evidence in each of the reviews to show that the work has been conscientiously and lovingly done by the several members of the Committee.

One turns from the grind of daily cares—perhaps from the monotony of daily occupations—to look through the pages of these proceedings and, perforce, forgets his troubles and breathes new inspiration in the effort.

The fragrant breath of friendship and brotherly love floats out from the pages and the inhalation invigorates and revives. There comes a satisfying realization of the fact that the Freemason finds 'in every land a brother, in every clime a home.'

With one purpose each Jurisdiction pursues its steadfast course and 'the summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry' is annually justified in these published proceedings, the reviews of which, are now submitted for your perusal.

Differences?—Yes! there are differences of organization and environment. Contentions?—Yes! 'as to who can best work and best agree.' Quarrels?—there are none. Criticism?—Yes! but they are the admonitions of a loving brother. There is an absence of rancor and a presence of love. Each gives a part of himself and each in return may reap a rich reward of friendship and brotherly love.

The addresses of the several Grand High Priests, in almost identical language, are filled with the warmth of true fraternity, tearful sympathy for those who have lost friends, brothers or Companions, devout reverence to Almighty God and healthful optimism as to the future of Capitular Masonry.

S. B."

Comp. Meredith generously gave Alabama, 1911, five pages of courteous and fraternal notice. He says that our Grand High Priest, M. E., William E. Bingham, paid "a beautiful tribute to the memory of William Henry Dingley," our lamented late Grand Treasurer.

By Comp. Meredith's dissent from our Grand High Priest's decision that, at the request of a Kentucky Chapter, the degrees could be conferred on a Brother from Kentucky, who had lost a foot, but whose petition had been approved by the Kentucky Chapter, we are again assured of Pennsylvania's adherence to a strict construction of the "perfect youth theory."

According to that view, would it not be quite possible for a *wooden-head* to gain admission which was denied to a *wooden-post*?

Quoting M. E., Comp. Bingham's excellent Conclusion, Comp. Meredith comments thus:

"Wouldn't we all be better if we would take those sublime truths with us into the world, and practice them in our dealings with our fellowmen?"

Our only excuse for putting the following very handsome compliment in this report is that our Alabama Companions wish to see the commendation of their servant, although it does this writer too great honor:

"The report of the Committee on Correspondence was again prepared by Companion William Y. Titcomb. It is a valuable contribution to Masonry, especially his own Jurisdiction; he is a remarkable man, has long since passed the allotted time of man, and is living on borrowed time, and his report is written with as much, or more, force than is possessed by many men not half his age. May a good

Providence still favor him, and continue his life for many years. Possibly if I was in attendance at a meeting of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, I might say more about the venerable Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, and it certainly would be commendatory, in the strongest terms possible."

As to the difference of opinion about the respective claims of priority set up by Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, neither Comp. Meredith nor the writer will "get hot in the collar"; on the contrary, we'll agree to disagree respecting the same. Comp. Meredith will still hold that Philadelphia was the birthplace of Masonry in America, while the writer will insist that St. John's Lodge in Boston was the first regularly organized Lodge of Freemasons in America. And, on both sides, we think thus without the slightest trace of bitterness.

Comp. George B. Wells, M., E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Charles Cary, M., E., Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC.

35TH ANNUAL—MONTREAL—MARCH, 1912.

Comp. Theodore A. Emmans, M., E., Grand First Principal, absent on account of illness. In his absence, Comp. Edward A. Evans presided as Grand First Principal.

Active Chapters, 11. Members, 1,383. Net increase, 85.

A portrait of Comp. J. Alexander Cameron, Grand First Principal-elect, graces the first page of this handsome volume. It is a fine face.

A unanimous rising vote attested the sympathy of Grand Chapter in the sickness of the absent Grand Z, whose address was read to Grand Chapter at the proper juncture.

The address manifested the true Masonic spirit, and deep interest in Capitular welfare felt by M., E., Comp. Emmans.

He paid warm tribute to the late Comp. George Otis Tyler.

Under the head of "Suggestions" he expressed his opinion that if Royal Arch Masons were obliged to learn the lesson of each degree received before advancement, they would take more interest in Capitular Masonry.

He also thought Standing Committees should have more time to consider important matters referred to them.

The Grand Superintendents submitted their respective reports, which, of course, were of great interest to the Chapters concerned.

The balance in the Treasury was the sum of \$11,747.47.

The balance to credit of the Benevolent Fund was the sum of \$2,610.58.

The Grand Lecturer made a full report. As an indication of his efficiency, he was continued in office another year.

The Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence was received and ordered to be printed in the proceedings.

The Committee on Reports of Grand Superintendents had the pleasure of reporting most favorably thereon.

The Grand Z had issued five dispensations. On recommendation of Committee these were all approved.

The Committee on Foreign Relations recommended recognition of Grand Chapter of Utah. Report adopted.

The short report of the Jurisprudence Committee, unanimously adopted, relative to increase of a certain "honorarium" from \$150.00 to \$250.00.

The Grand Representatives present were received and welcomed in the usual way.

The Chapters of Montreal invited the members of Grand Chapter to a banquet to be given at the close of the Grand Body.

The Grand Z accepted the invitation "with pleasure." Of course he did.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again, as we note with pleasure, from the practiced hand of M. E. Comp. E. T. D. Chambers, who, in the space of sixty-eight pages, presents an excellent review of the proceedings of all the sister Grand Jurisdictions whose volumes had been received.

Alabama, 1911, has a page and a half of kind and courteous notice.

Referring to our increase in numbers, Comp. Chambers says that "one is sometimes tempted to believe that we are making too many Royal Arch Masons."

For very kind remark personal to the writer, he will please accept hearty thanks.

Again he says of us:

"He does not believe in dispensations for rushing candidates through the different degrees, and says of one who 'could not wait,' 'Why did he not apply earlier?' This fits the case exactly."

Comp. Chambers pursues the subject further in his well-penned "Conclusion," which, without apology, we quote bodily:

"We feel like repeating in our concluding remarks what we said in our opening review,—that of Alabama,—that we are sometimes tempted to believe that we make too many Royal Arch Masons. We certainly do whenever we confer the Capitular degrees upon candidates who only seek them as a means to attain other and so-called higher degrees.

The Chapter degrees should be taken by every Master Mason who desires to obtain the genuine secrets of the Master Mason's degree. These degrees are too beautiful and their teachings too important to be treated as a mere qualification for some other rite. For the Templar degrees the Royal Arch is a prerequisite. Those who drop the Chapter after becoming Knights should never have had the Capitular degrees conferred upon them.

We know that there is a tendency on the part of some Royal Arch Masons to insist that no Master Mason should be permitted to attain any so-called higher degrees whatever, without passing through the Arch. No thoughtful Mason will desire to proceed further before attaining all the genuine secrets of a Master Mason, and no candidate who is compelled to take the Capitular degrees as a pre-requisite to the Scottish Rite, against his own particular desires, will prove any credit to the Royal Craft. Royal Arch Masonry can afford to do without such members and is too valuable and too beautiful an organization to be used as a mere passageway to any other rite.

The whole respectfully submitted."

Comp. J. Alex Cameron, M. E., Grand Z.

Comp. Will H. Whyte, R. E., Grand Scribe E.

QUEBEC.

36TH ANNUAL—MONTREAL—MARCH, 1913.

Comp. J. Alex Cameron, M. E., Grand First Principal.

Chartered Chapters, 11. U. D., 1. Membership, 1,418. Net gain, 35.

This volume, handsomely embellished on the cover, and graced with portraits of two eminent Past Grand Z's, comes under inspection so late that, like several others, it can be given but little attention.

The Grand Z. thus happily and reverently opened his address:

"In the hope that profit and pleasure to ourselves and an advancement of the interests of Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction, may result from our meeting here to-day, I welcome you to the Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter; and I ask you to join with me in an expression of gratitude to the Most High for His wonderful mercies to us in the year that has gone, and in beseeching His blessing upon our assembly and His guidance in our deliberations."

He paid feeling tribute to the two Past Grand Officers deceased, viz: M. E. Theodore Anson Emmons and Hiram Leroy Fuller, and to other highly esteemed Companions who had crossed the dark river, and in this regard he was not neglectful of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances, his visitations had not been so numerous as he had intended them to be, but he had kept in touch as far as possible with all the Chapters.

As to the Royal Craft, the following extract is what we should expect from Canada, moreover it is what we do not feel able to contravene at this writing, viz:

"To say that the Royal Arch is the completion—the step necessary to complete comprehension—of the third degree, is to state no new theorem, nor to propose any undue multiplication of Masonic degrees. On the contrary, this has been the attitude of modern Freemasonry—the freemasonry which we practice—since its firm establishment on its present basis; indeed, and it is otherwise interesting to note, it is just one hundred years ago this year that upon the amalgamation of the two rival Grand Lodges now composing the United Grand Lodge of England, one of the Articles of Union set forth that, pure Ancient Masonry consists of the three degrees 'including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch.'"

For reasons deemed good and sufficient, the Grand High Priest had granted five dispensations for installation of officers.

He had notified certain petitioners that he would grant dispensations for two new Chapters, but all the preliminary details not having been arranged in time for dispensation to issue, they were postponed.

No rulings were reported.

The Grand Superintendents presented their reports in detail.

The Grand Treasurer's cash balance was \$1,753.08.

The Grand Lecturer made report of his visits to eleven Chapters, specifying each. His report was very encouraging.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence was received and ordered to be printed with the proceedings.

The Committee on Grand Lecturer's report highly complimented that efficient officer as well as the officers of the Chapters reported on.

The Jurisprudence Committee reported that the notice of motion to Amend Article 6 of the Constitution was regular, and in accordance with the law, and that Grand Chapter could take action on it at its pleasure. Report adopted.

Said amendment to Article 6 related to the cast of the Standing Committees.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is again from the practiced and skillful hand of Past Grand Z. Comp. E. T. D. Chambers, whose ability in his work never lessens.

Alabama, 1912, is accorded courteous and fraternal attention. He refers to M. E. Lawrence H. Lee's address as "one of the most voluminous of Grand High Priests' addresses." Several correspondents have pronounced that address a very able document.

He calls the writer's Report on Foreign Correspondence "a very concise and, at the same time, a very charming Report on Correspondence."

We'll try not to be giddy-headed after such praise.

Comp. Chambers, in his conclusion, manifests such an excellent spirit that our readers must be made acquainted with it:

"We have from time to time contended most earnestly in these Reports for what we have believed to be the right and the truth, in the interests of the Craft, and sometimes we have both received and given some fairly hard—arguments. We hope they have always been courteous, as they have always been kindly meant, and whenever they have not been so received and understood our language must have been incapable of transmitting the sentiments of the heart.

With kindest regards and best wishes to every member of the Royal Craft, and especially to those of our own Jurisdiction, and to the Chairmen of Committees of Correspondence of other Grand Chapters, the undersigned subscribes himself."

Comp. J. Alex Cameron, M. E. Grand Z.

Comp. Will H. Whyte, M. E. Grand Secretary.

Comp. Will H. Whyte prepares a handsome volume of proceedings.

RHODE ISLAND.

114TH ANNUAL—PROVIDENCE—MARCH, 1912.

Chartered Chapters, 10. Members, 4,111.

Comp. Geo. C. Knight, M. E., Grand High Priest.

It is pleasant to note that our Representative, Comp. J. P. Sanborn, was one of the thirty-four Grand Representatives present.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests were also in attendance on the Convocation under review.

The Grand High Priest made no official rulings, but expressed his opinion on a question of Jurisdiction, then in dispute.

He had granted four dispensations, strictly within his rights, but had, for reasons deemed good and sufficient, refused one.

He could not visit all the Chapters, much to his regret.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand King and the Grand Scribe made their respective reports of the performance of the duties assigned to them.

The Committee on Grand Officers' Reports commended highly the Grand High Priest for his "most exemplary performance of the duties of his office."

The Grand Secretary, in his short report, states that all returns had been made and dues paid by the Chapters.

The Grand Treasurer's balance to new account was the sum of \$7,896.21.

The Committee on Correspondence was authorized to publish its report with the proceedings.

A memorial of Past Grand High Priest William Acker was presented, read and ordered printed with the proceedings.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of Utah.

The dispensation of Narraganset Chapter was continued one year.

The D. G. H. P., the G. K. and the G. S. were assigned three Chapters apiece for visitation and inspection.

No further business appearing, Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Convention of Anointed High Priests elected seven eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented in concise form and with good judgment by M. J. E. Comp. S. Penrose Williams, Chairman of the Committee.

Alabama, 1911, received a page and one-half of courteous notice. Under Illinois we find the following:

"The Grand High Priest made ten decisions and with the exception of one, all were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence and accepted by the Grand Chapter. The Committee on Jurisprudence asked that the Grand High Priest's decision that 'The loss of either hand does not make a Master Mason ineligible for the Chapter degrees,' be referred to the incoming Committee on Jurisprudence.

We are glad to know that a Grand High Priest has the courage to make such a decision and that a Grand Chapter Committee hesitates in condemning it. The doctrine of physical perfection very properly demanded that the operative mason be physically able to perform his task, but it is no innovation to deny this test for the speculative Mason."

And we, too, are glad that Comp. Williams also had the courage to clearly and distinctly express the foregoing opinion. It tallies with what the writer has, more than once, undertaken to affirm.

Comp. Herbert Bliss, M. J. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. William R. Greene, R. J. E., Grand Secretary.

A portrait of M. J. E., Geo. C. Knight adorns the first page of this pamphlet.

SCOTLAND.

QUARTERLY OF JUNE, 1912.

Present Comp. R. A. Peacock, Deputy First Grand Principal, and all Grand Officers except the Second Grand Principal and the Grand Chancellor.

The business of the Convocation was conducted with dignity and decorum, as usual, but nothing appears to claim outside attention.

We note the following:

"A letter, dated 22nd June 1912, from the District Grand Scribe E., New South Wales, with regard to the property of Chapter Duke of Edinburgh, No. 208, was submitted along with the correspondence thereanent.

It appears that the property of the Chapter is being used without authority by a Chapter under the local constitution, and that in order to settle all questions amicably the Grand Superintendent proposed a meeting with the First Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales. Technical objections have, however, been advanced by the latter. Supreme Committee, having full confidence in the Grand Superintendent as representing Supreme Grand Chapter in the matter, remit to him, with powers to settle the question in whatever way may seem to him most just in the circumstances, and to take such steps in the interests of the Chapter as may be necessary."

Until we hear from both sides, we make no comment on the foregoing.

Our only remark in respect of the following extract is that it would seem patriotism would impel those Chapters to give their allegiance to the Grand Chapter of New South Wales. But here is said extract:

"NEW SOUTH WALES AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA."

"The terms of mutual recognition offered to the Grand Chapter of Western Australia, and similar to those offered to the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, were referred to. A letter of 21st August, 1912, from M. E. Companion Strickland was submitted. The Committee took the opportunity of expressing the feelings of respect and good will of the Scottish Craft to the Brethren of these Sister Constitutions whose joint sovereignty as it at present exists in these Districts they are willing to recognize, but they were unable to perceive any good reason why they should cede their present rights entirely or compel a change of allegiance of the strong, earnest and influential body of Chapters holding Charters from Scotland. The complete system of Degrees under the Scottish Constitution would have to be sacrificed by such a change for the more divided and confused practice prevailing in regard to the Mark Degree, etc., in Chapters and Constitutions having an English origin."

Comp. R. A. Peacock, Deputy Grand Z.

Comp. Alfred A. Arbuthnot Murray, Grand Scribe E.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

102ND ANNUAL—SPARTANBURG—APRIL, 1913.

Comp. James L. Michie, M. E., Grand High Priest.

That our Representative was present at the Convocation under review affords us pleasure to note.

The very first paragraph of the Grand High Priest's address breathes the spirit of a true and God-fearing Mason who loves his fellowmen.

His tribute to the late Past Grand Secretary, Albert E. Fugle, does honor to Comp. Michie as well as to the late Comp. Fugle.

Under the head of dispensations we find that he had granted thirteen such permissions to elect and confer degrees out of time—four to confer more than two degrees at the same Convocation, and seventeen to elect and install officers at other than the prescribed time.

One special dispensation had been granted to permit the advancement of a Master Mason who had lost the little finger of his right hand. This dispensation, as well as his other dispensations, were approved. We congratulate our South Carolina Companions on the broad-mindedness manifested by the adoption of said dispensation.

Under the head of "Decisions" the Grand High Priest ruled that, when Grand Chapter adopted the "Texas Plan," which requires a petition for the Council degrees to accompany one for the Capitular degrees a certain Chapter was, or ought to have been, represented. It could not plead ignorance of the law, which must be complied with. This ruling was upon the action of said Chapter, which had received the petition of a Master Mason unaccompanied by a petition and fees for the Council degrees.

We have not time now to discuss the "Texas Plan," or to repeat the correspondence thereabout which the Grand High Priest includes in his report, save to say in regard to subdivision 3, in his reply, "if the applicants referred to, refused to sign petition for the Cryptic Rite they cannot receive any of the Chapter degrees, and any money they may have paid remains in the Chapter Treasury." As to that, we say that we could not feel right in retaining that money.

After reading the following declaration: "An unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason cannot be an officer of a Chapter U. D.," we are constrained to ejaculate, Good!

The following extract is interesting:

"MASONIC HOME FUND."

"I am informed by the Treasurer that he has now on hand a little over seventy-eight thousand dollars belonging to this fund. I understand that no steps will be taken to purchase or erect a Home until at least one hundred thousand dollars are in the treasury.

Our Grand Chapter has been giving one thousand dollars annually to the fund, but I wish to make a suggestion that has occurred to me along this line. It is merely a suggestion, but I would like you, Companions, to weigh it well.

It seems to me that it would be a good plan not to pay over to the Treasurer this thousand dollars annually, but to set aside this yearly donation to form a specific fund of our own, to be known as ours; that is, the Royal Arch Masonic Home Fund, and then when the Home is an established fact, or sooner in our judgment, apply the sum then on hand to some specific part of the Home, such as an hospital, a cottage, the kitchen, etc., etc., in fact, for any purpose in connection with the Home we may then decide on. This would, in my opinion, bring the Home in closer touch with the Royal Craft than if our contributions became absorbed in the general fund. Contributions from Subordinate Chapters would also go into our own fund. I ask you to give this suggestion your serious consideration. I may say that I have mentioned it to James R. Johnson, the Treasurer of the Masonic Home Fund, and it meets with his approval."

While all that money is slowly increasing some A. & I. Masons, widows and orphans may be sick or suffering. Go ahead and build. When Brethren and Companions and Fraters see results budding, their interest will grow.

We of Alabama have bought and paid for 236 acres of land, and an up-to-date administration building, at a cost for land and building of \$100,000.00, besides we are erecting two ten-room cottages—one for old women and one for old men. We do not owe one cent for any of the work completed. Our Home went into operation January 1, 1913. Next year we'll have a farm on the tract.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved all the rulings of the M. E. Grand High Priest except that one which authorized Chapters to retain the money of petitioners for the Chapter degrees who refused to, at the same time, petition for the Cryptic degrees, and, therefore, were not permitted to take the Chapter degrees. The Committee was of the opinion that the money should be returned to the petitioners.

The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests of South Carolina elected twelve eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the facile pen of Past Grand High Priest J. L. Michie. Comp. Michie reviews the proceedings of fifty-three Grand Bodies in very excellent manner.

Alabama, 1912, is treated most kindly and courteously. M. E. Comp. Lawrence H. Lee is quoted approvingly save in one instance, viz: that a Companion suspended N. P. D., upon payment of back dues becomes reinstated by operation of law, as we say, and without being voted on in Chapter.

In South Carolina they go out by vote and come back by vote, if they come at all.

Comp. Michie throws the writer such a lovely nosegay that our Alabama Companions must see it, although its so far beyond our merits.

Here it is:

"Companion William Y. Titcomb again writes the Correspondence Report, and, like everything that comes from his pen, is well worthy the attention of the Masonic student. Though nearing four score and ten, his writings show no sign of his advanced years, and his kindly, sunny disposition shines forth on every page. He devotes two and a half pages to South Carolina for 1911. We must correct, however, one mistake he or the printer has fallen into. The annual remuneration to an officer who has served our Grand Chapter for fifty consecutive years is one hundred and fifty dollars, not fifty dollars. Our Grand Treasurer has fifty-five years to his credit, and is still as young as the youngest of us."

Comp. Michie shall himself present his "Conclusion":

"Sometimes I am almost inclined to wish that such a phrase as 'universal peace and harmony' had never been invented. Nearly every Grand High Priest used it in his Address last year, describing the condition of the Craft. Now, if some Jurisdiction would only get up a little fracas, do something out of the ordinary, it would give us poor pencil-drivers something to write about. There is such a great sameness in all the 'Proceedings' that very rarely can we find anything to take hold of.

Dependent Membership still has its advocates and its opponents. We confess that we cannot understand the reasoning of the latter when we remember that possession of the lower Degrees is prerequisite to advancement. This being so, why, then, should not good standing in the lower Degrees be prerequisite to good standing in the higher Degrees?

I do not oppose documentary evidence; I would prefer not to use it, believing more in Masonry in the head than Masonry in the vest pocket; but in Jurisdictions where clandestine Masonry is rife, it is almost essentially necessary.

The 'Perfect Youth Fad' is now almost unknown in the Masonic world of today, South Carolina being the latest to recede from the position she had so long held, namely, that a candidate must be 'perfect in all his limbs, organs and members, as a man ought to be.' Personally, I never did see the sense of refusing advancement to an

E. A. or to a F. C. who had been so unfortunate as to lose a minute portion of the little finger of his left hand.

The 'Texas Plan' is still causing a good deal of discussion among reviewers, and the opinion as to its feasibility and legality is pretty evenly divided. In South Carolina it is working very smoothly; I have only heard of one Companion who objected to it.

Should exchange of courtesies among Jurisdictions in the matter of conferring Degrees go through the Grand High Priests? My six years' experience in presiding over Masonic Grand Bodies convinces me that this is one question on which we should have uniform legislation. While we have no direct law on this question in South Carolina, I think all requests should come through the office of the Grand High Priest. Fraternally submitted,

J. L. MICHIE, P. G. H. P.

Darlington, S. C., 18th April, 1913."

A portrait of the Grand High Priest-elect graces the first page of this volume, which, interesting as it is, we cannot do full justice to on account of lack of time to attempt such a task.

Comp. Geo. S. Mower, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. O. Frank Hart, R. E., Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

23D COMMUNICATION—DEADWOOD—JUNE, 1912.

Comp. Jacob J. Nissen, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 36. Members, 3,094. Net gain, 163.

A portrait (a fine steel engraving) of the Grand High Priest, Jacob J. Nissen, graces the first page of this well executed volume.

That our Representative, M. E., Frank A. Brown, was present, is a pleasure to note.

A full staff of Grand Officers took part in the Convocation, also nine Past Grand High Priests.

The address of the Grand High Priest was not long, but covered all the ground which should be traversed.

His memorial to P. G. H. P. David A. Douglas, who recently died, was most appropriate. He recorded the demise of thirty-four R. A. M.'s of South Dakota, and also made mention of the dead in sister Jurisdictions, so far as he had official notice thereof.

He had constituted one Chapter and installed its officers.

A number of dispensations had been granted, and several visitations had been made, all of them pleasant and profitable.

Under the head of Decisions, we find the following:

"One question which I answered I will bring before this Grand Chapter.

Question: How long is a petition in Chapter good for after being balloted upon? We have a petition put in in 1898, ballot clear; later, a year ago, put in petition again, same being cloudy, rejected. Please inform us just where we stand.

Answer: A Brother has one year to take his degrees. See Decision approved by Grand Chapter, Pro. 1899, pp. 13 and 25.

The Brother rejected a year ago or any Brother rejected may renew petition six months after date of rejection. See Grand Chapter Constitution, Article IV, Sec. II.

To this decision I received the following answer:

Your letter at hand and while you answer one question you do not answer the other. If a candidate take the Mark and does not get around to take the Past or other degrees, what is the limit as to time, and does he have to be balloted on again if party goes over a year? I see nothing in any By-Laws to the question.

Answer: A Brother has one year from date of his election in which to take his degrees. Therefore, if a candidate takes the Mark Master's degree, and does not present himself within the prescribed time to receive the balance of the degrees it will necessitate a new petition which must be referred to a regular committee and balloted for as on the first petition. There is no stated time between the degrees."

After all disbursements the balance in the Treasury was the sum of \$3,416.78.

"White Rock Overlooking Deadwood" is grandly romantic.

The Grand Secretary, Geo. A. Pettigrew, is a model officer.

All the Chapters had made returns and paid Grand Chapter dues.

M. E. Comp. Louis G. Levoy presented his report, as Committee on Correspondence, and it was ordered published with the proceedings.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals was so charmed by finding its docket empty that it let off a short but eloquent outburst of felicitation and congratulation upon the ready ears of Grand Chapter.

The report of the Committee on Obituary was an excellent paper, treating of life and death, and extolling the life and character of Comp. Douglas, who has gone to "that better land."

The report of the Jurisprudence Committee was as follows:

"We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that part of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address which relates to waiver of jurisdiction, would recommend that the same be approved.

That so much as relates to decisions be approved, except the one requiring a new petition from a candidate who has received the Mark Master Degree and does not present himself for remaining degrees until one year has elapsed from the time of his election. Your Committee are of the opinion that a new petition is not necessary and would recommend that that part of said decision be disapproved."

The report was concurred in. We also concur.

The view of Spearfield Falls presented in this handsomely printed volume, also appeals to the writer.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence, recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of Utah.

At the 17th annual meeting of the Order of High Priesthood a number of E. . Companions having been elected, received the degree in Ample Form.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence was again presented by P. G. H. P. Comp. Louis G. Levoy in his wonted excellent manner, reviewing fifty-two Grand Bodies, three for two years.

Alabama, 1911, was given courteous fraternal notice. Comp. Levoy objects to a ruling of our Grand High Priest sustained by Grand Chapter, to the effect that a Brother elected for the Capitular degrees, advanced and passed, may be stopped from further promotion by objection made. The Companion's view of the matter is worthy of consideration; said it must not be forgotten that the right of objection, like that of the secret ballot, is one of those safe-guards of the institution.

But here is what Comp. Levoy says:

"It seems to the writer rather a summary and harsh way to dispose of this candidate. He had applied for the degrees of the Chapter, had been elected, had a portion of the degrees conferred on him when the objection was laid.

We hold that the Brother has rights in his election, especially as a portion of the degrees had been given him.

Had an objection been laid after election and before a degree had been conferred, in our opinion the objection would be valid, but after a portion of the work has been given him, he has a vested right in the balance, which should take something more than a simple objection to stop him. At least the objection should be made known and a vote of the Companion taken to sustain it, or give the

Brother a chance to vindicate himself. He is entitled to and ought to receive some consideration at the hands of those to whom he applied for light and knowledge in a Lodge in Masonry."

Comp. C. A. Christopherson, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Geo. A. Pettigrew, R. E., Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

24TH ANNUAL—YANKTON—JUNE, 1913.

Comp. Charles A. Christopherson, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 38. Members, 3,233. Net gain, 139.

The very short time before our report must be in the printer's hands, precludes anything more than a hasty review of this really handsome volume of proceedings.

It is a pleasure to note that M. E., Comp. Frank A. Brown, our Representative, was at his post.

The following paragraph from the exordium of the G. H. P.'s address does honor to his heart:

"It has been my pleasure and privilege to meet with you from year to year since that time and annually renew this fraternal fellowship and to cement closer, year by year, the acquaintance, friendship, love and esteem which runs back to that previous annual Convocation in this city. Therefore, dear Companions as I today extend to you this annual greeting, there comes to my mind as clearly as if presented by a panoramic view, the many annual gatherings of the past with their many pleasant associations, warm and lasting friendships and these I greatly value, for one of the resulting conditions of our Order is that by our associations within the confines of the Sacred Tabernacle, we learn to know and love one another with that same affection and fullness of heart that existed among the Israelites when, with one common purpose and with one object in view, they endured the many hardships, privations and the dangers of a long and hazardous journey across the barren and desolate plains of Chaldea and Shinar on their way to Jerusalem, there to assist in the rebuilding of the Temple."

The M. E., paid fitting tribute to the memory of deceased Companions at home and abroad.

He had granted seven dispensations permitting the use of substitutes in conferring degrees. Our opinion on the use of substitutes is too well known to require repetition.

He justly commends Comp. Benjamin J. Ives, Grand Lecturer, who had held twenty-seven schools of instruction during the year.

Under the head of "Decisions" he answered the question as to whether a Companion who had not paid dues for 1912 at the expiration of three months of 1913, was in arrears for dues three months or fifteen months, thus: "You must look to your own By-Laws for a decision on this question."

The G. H. P. made the pleasing statement that the subordinate Chapters had responded promptly to the appeal of the Companions of the Middle West for aid after the disastrous floods which had visited that region.

Under the head of visitations, the G. H. P. said that outside of his own Chapter and two others, business engagements had prevented him from visiting any of the Chapters in the State.

The Grand Treasurer's balance amounted to \$5,899.23.

The report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals was that no case of appeal had come before the Committee.

The Jurisprudence Committee found that the dispensations granted by the G. H. P. were "clearly within his prerogatives," and recommended their approval.

Two resolutions—one commending the Grand Lecturer, the other thanking Yankton Chapter No. 1 for its hospitality, were adopted.

The Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected eight eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Correspondence Report occupying fifty three pages, is presented by Comp. Louis G. Levoy. Comp. Levoy reviews the proceedings of forty-four Grand Chapters in a concise and entertaining manner.

Alabama, 1912, receives courteous, fraternal attention in a notice nearly one page in length.

In his notice of "Canada" he has the following to say of Comp. Bennett:

"In it he explains Grand Chapter's attitude toward the foreign Chapter in their midst, which is that of tolerance, there being no rights of Grand Chapter assailed, no interference, and no offensive action by the foreign Chapter as regards the governing body of the Jurisdiction, or its edicts.

The fact, however, still remains that the Laws of Grand Chapter are not binding on this foreign body, hence its authority is not supreme in its Jurisdiction, its status being that of a divided territory or joint occupancy of Jurisdiction."

We have nothing to say; neither Comp. Bennett nor Comp. Levoy needs our help.

In his "Conclusion" Comp. Levoy gives Scotland quite a jolt.

Comp. Hollace L. Hopkins, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. Geo. A. Pettigrew, R. E. Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

84TH ANNUAL—NASHVILLE—JANUARY, 1913.

Comp. Junius Hobson, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters (by our count), 83. Membership, 5,053. Net increase, 107.

In his address the Grand High Priest mentioned the fraternal dead and then proceeded to recount his official acts, among which were ten dispensations granted, and two refused; one new Chapter formed, three permitted to change quarters, and three commissions issued to Grand Representatives near other Grand Chapters, including William Wallace Screws, near "Alabama"—Alas, since Comp. Screw's re-appointment, he has passed over the Silent River.

He had made sixteen recommendations for Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, including Comp. J. R. Spicer for Alabama.

On account of severe sickness in his family, the Grand High Priest had made but few visitations to Chapters in person, but had by proxy in the person of other Grand Officers and P. G. O.'s visited seventy-five Chapters during the year.

Under Official Rulings we find the following:

"Edict 38, of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, see page 171, proceedings Grand Lodge for 1912, reads: 'The Masonic Text Book of Tennessee, when not *in conflict* with the Edicts is *adopted* as a Text Book and Manual for the use of the Lodges.'

From the above laws I believe, that when a Companion signs a petition for a new Chapter he *MUST*, when the charter is issued, become a member of the new Chapter and the Grand Chapter by its action, in granting a Charter, dimits all of the petitioners from

the old Chapter; it is the duty of the Secretary of the new Chapter to so inform all of the petitioners for the new Chapter, as soon as Charter is granted, at the same time tendering the amount of dues that any of the said petitioners may owe the old Chapter.

This Edict sets aside the old law of the Grand Lodge permitting petitioners to *elect*, when a Charter is issued, to which body they will retain membership.

The Text Book may give petitioners the right to *elect* to which body they may retain membership, but is in violation of the Edicts of the Grand Lodge and is not in force.

I am therefore constrained to decide that all of the petitioners for dispensation for Paxton Chapter No. 184, become members of the said Paxton Chapter at the time the charter was issued, and I so rule."

The M. E. Comp. ended his address with these well-chosen words:

"Now, Companions, let us resolve to commence our new Masonic year with the determination to more zealously discharge our duties as Royal Arch Masons, and with the true spirit of fraternity, help and comfort each other, and all humanity, along the pathway of life.

Help lighten the load!

With all of the strength that the heart can command,
With all of the power of brain and of hand,
With wills set to sacrifice, struggle, and dare,
With love that seeks ever each burden to share,
With unflagging endeavor that stops not to ask
The length of the journey, the cost of the task,
Come, sons of the kingdom! Come, children of God!
And along the dark path by the world's anguish trod
Help lighten the load!"

The Grand Treasurer had balance cash in bank amounting to \$7,384.12.

In his report, Grand Secretary John B. Garrett reported his compliance with instructions given him at the last Grand Convocation.

Under those instructions, subordinate Chapters are required to send in their returns by the first day of January preceding the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter. Failure on the part of any Chapter to obey this order will cause its Representative to forfeit his mileage and per diem at the Annual, moreover "this law will be strictly enforced."

In the course of his remarks under the head of General Grand Chapter, the Grand Secretary becomes eloquent and convinces us that R. E. John B. is a man of taste.

Listen :

"No better looking Companions; no more elegant and queenly women can be found on earth than those which greeted us everywhere and on all occasions.

To the most estimable wife of Excellent Companion Calvin W. Prather, Grand Secretary; to Mrs. Goltha, the Chairman of the Ladies Committee and to Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, wife of Governor Marshall, Past Grand High Priest, are we indebted for many courtesies extended to our Tennessee ladies.

The very elegant dinner given by our Hoosier Companions at the Country Club to all delegates and their ladies; the Banquet at the Shrine Temple, with its delicious menu, its gorgeous floral decorations stamped our Indiana hosts as Companions whose ability to entertain knows no limit and whose hospitality no bounds."

The Grand Secretary having announced that General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of United States was in waiting, and desired to visit Grand Chapter, accordingly an escort of all P. G. H. P.'s in attendance, waited on the distinguished visitor, and M. E. Comp. Witt was received and welcomed with the honors befitting his rank.

In his response to the welcome, M. E. General Grand High Priest Witt used words which impress us, as follows:

"The Most Excellent Grand High Priest responded eloquently to the fraternal welcome accorded him, speaking on Freemasonry in General but on Capitular Masonry in particular, urging every Companion present to be true, zealous and faithful in the cause of the York Rite."

The "charming manner," "pleasant personality," "warm-hearted greeting," "friendship hand grasp," captured all the Grand Body—horse, foot and dragoons.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made an interesting report on the official acts of the Grand High Priest. The Committee disapproved his decision that Samuel B. Dow, Secretary of Pearl Chapter No. 24, who signed a petition for dispensation to organize a new Chapter, was a member of said new Chapter when a Charter had been granted it. The Committee was undoubtedly correct in its disapproval of said decision. A Secretary cannot dimit unless he moves out of the Jurisdiction. The Secretary erred when he signed the petition for dispensation to form a new Chapter. He was still a member of the old Chapter, and any action by either of the two

Chapters based on said ruling of the Grand High Priest was null and void.

The other official acts of the Grand High Priest were approved by the law committee.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances had no business before it for consideration.

"The following resolution was read and on motion was adopted:
Resolved, That each of the officers of the Grand Chapter, all Past Grand High Priests, Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Past Grand Kings, Past Grand Scribes, and all Companions who may hereafter be elected to an office in this Grand Chapter, be required to file with the Grand Secretary a brief statement showing all the essential data of their connection with the Masonic Fraternity, in any of its bodies, and also the important events of their individual lives that may be of interest to the Grand Chapter, when they shall have passed away and can be with us no more in this life."

Feeling and eloquent memorials on the death of the following Companions, viz: Jesse Arnold, James B. Murfree and A. V. Warr, were read and ordered printed in the proceedings.

About forty Grand Representatives were received and welcomed and were given an opportunity to furnish Grand Chapter news of what was going on in their respective Jurisdictions.

"Many were well posted, some claimed not to have received their proceedings, and some did not read those received."

The Committee on Ways and Means made four recommendations as follows:

"We, your Committee on Ways and Means, respectfully recommend:

First. That the per capita tax of \$1.00 and the fee of \$5.00 for each exaltation as now in force so remain.

Second. That the mileage and per diem as now in force be maintained, and we also recommend that all Past Grand High Priests be allowed the same mileage and per diem as is allowed Representatives of Subordinate Chapters, whose mileage and per diem are not allowed by the Grand Lodge.

Third. The Grand Treasurer reports that he has on hand \$7,384.00. We recommend that out of this be paid the usual expenses of this Annual Convocation; that the sum of \$25.00 be paid to the Masonic Library Association; \$100.00 be paid to the maintenance of the Widows' and Orphans' Home for immediate use, and that so much of our note and interest amounting to \$3,839.90 be paid as in the judgment of the Grand Treasurer will be possible, retaining a reasonable balance with which to meet incidental items of expense.

Fourth. We recommend that Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be authorized to adjust and settle all accounts for repairs, improvements and incidentals arising from joint ownership with the Grand Lodge of Freemason's Hall, and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the one-fifth part that this Grand Chapter owes upon an adjustment of said accounts, and that they hereafter continue to adjust and settle all such items of expense."

The Order of High Priesthood elected fifty eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence was, we note with pleasure, presented by P. G. H. P., Comp. J. H. McClister, and although Comp. McClister does not, in his writings, waste words, all the same, he conveys a clear and sufficiently comprehensive idea of the doings and sayings in the various Grand Bodies that pass under his inspection. He reviews fifty Grand Bodies—five of those for two years.

Alabama's 85th Annual receives nearly two pages of courteous and brotherly notice.

The reviewer says that the Grand High Priest "found little time for visitations." True, but M. E. Comp. Bingham is a druggist, and has little time for any outside work. He says that our presiding officer "dubbed the *venerable* (Italics ours) Grand Secretary, walking encyclopedia of Masonry." Bro. Beauchamp will smile at that appellation, being fifty-eight years of age.

As to the resolution adding Rabbis to regularly ordained Ministers of the Gospel, Comp. McClister says:

"Now, why in the name—but that is Alabama's business, and we will not butt in."

Well, Companion, our personal view is that the free pass should, at least, be restricted to Symbolic Masonry. Then if they wish to go further, let them pay for the privilege.

He refers to our attitude on the "Texas Plan," but does not give his own views on the subject.

He calls the attention of his Tennessee Companions to our remark about the office seeking the man, and not the man the office. Most assuredly that theory—and practice too, should obtain in Masonry—fitness ought to be the standard.

He says:

"Under Connecticut, on the subject of making Masons at sight, he expresses our views to a 'T.' Then as to use of substitutes, we are with him in the use of substitutes. It is contrary to the intent of the Ritual."

We are always glad to be in accord with Comp. McClister.

We shall have to quit here.

Comp. Michael F. Flenniken, M., E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. John B. Garrett, R., E., Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

63D ANNUAL—WACO—DECEMBER, 1912.

Comp. C. L. Alderman, M., E., Grand High Priest, whose manly face graces the first page of this volume.

Chartered Chapters, 262. Total membership, 17,778. Net gain, 963.

The Grand Representatives present were received and welcomed in the usual manner. We note with pleasure that Alabama's ambassador did not fail to be in attendance.

From the address of the Grand High Priest we glean an item of interest as follows:

Grand Chapter had sustained great loss by the passing away of two most estimable Companions—John A. Bryan and J. C. Lynch.

The Grand High Priest had recommended as Alabama's Representative, Companion J. C. Strayhorn, and the latter had received his commission as such. Eleven new Chapters had been constituted—six Chapters had been set to work under dispensation. Twenty-two special dispensations had been issued for various purposes, such as to sell property, to resume labor; to change quarters; to elect officers at other than the prescribed time, etc.

The M., E., had refused five dispensations.

We clip the following from what the Grand High Priest says concerning "Our Home for Aged Masons":

"This Home should appeal to every Royal Arch Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction with a peculiar and pardonable pride, it being the only institution in the world owned and supported exclusively by a Grand Royal Arch Chapter, which pays all its bills, yet asks nothing in return, saying only to the Masonic Fraternity, 'This is

your home and we are your Brethren; if you have kept the faith, if your Lodge says you are worthy of its protecting care, then come and abide within the peaceful walls of this Home, bearing in mind always that the pleasure of the Royal Craft in providing it will be as great as in yours in receiving it."

The Grand High Priest reported five decisions as follows:

"I have been asked to make a few decisions, which were as follows:

One. A Brother was elected to receive the Chapter degrees regularly. After receiving the Mark Master a protest was filed against further advancement. The candidate asked for the refund of his money not covered by the charge for the Mark Master's degree. He had paid \$35.00 to the Secretary, and by the By-Laws provided for a charge of ten dollars for the Mark Master.

Ruling: The candidates would be indebted only for what he had received, and on his application for a refund of \$25.00 he would be entitled to it. The Secretary was instructed to return him \$25.00.

Two. Can a Brother who has the thumb of his right hand amputated receive the degrees conferred in the Chapter?

Ruling: Article 175 of the laws reads: "* * * And must be physically able to receive and impart the esoteric work of the degrees of Capitular Masonry." A Brother with the thumb of the right hand amputated could not do so, and so is not eligible to receive the Chapter degrees.

Three: Can a Brother having lost his left arm at the elbow receive the Chapter degrees?

Ruling: Citation was made to Article 175 of the laws. A Brother having the left arm amputated at the elbow is not eligible to receive the Chapter degrees.

Four: A Brother employed in the Navy of the United States desired to petition a Chapter of this Jurisdiction for the Chapter degrees. His Blue Lodge membership was at Philadelphia, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He claimed his home as aboard the cruiser 'Salem.'

Ruling: Article 153 of the laws say: "The residence of a married man is the domicile of his family, and of a single man where he usually sleeps, and where he is entitled to vote under the laws of the State." He claimed his home aboard a vessel of the United States Navy. He would therefore not be a *bona fide* resident of this State, and therefore not entitled to receive the degrees here except by courtesy.

Five. Can the Secretary of a Chapter hold up the petition of a Companion for the Council degrees pending his learning the Royal Arch trial?

Ruling: He cannot."

The Grand High Priest recommended the appointment of a Committee to consider the subject of affiliation with the General Grand Chapter and to correspond with that body on the matter.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash in hand was the sum of \$14,586.83.

At the close of his excellent report, Grand Secretary Phillips indulges in the following choice bit of poetic fervor:

"When on this last journey I first bent my way
Out into the sunset and the close of the day,
A stream seemed to flow 'cross my long, weary path,
Impassible, swollen, and raging with wrath.

But onward I plodded, aweary and worn,
The distant stream nearing, not halting to mourn,
'Til as I came closer the scene seemed to shift,
The waters to clear, and the shadows to lift.

And now that I've reached it, 'tis only a brook,
The flowers are growing in each shady nook.
Its bright crystal waters are kissing the moss
As gladly and easily I step across."

The Grand Orator delivered a very fine address, portraying the true mission of Masonry, its objects being the uplifting of men, and relief of suffering.

Grand Chapter was greatly interested and instructed by the effort. Had we space to spare, we would quote from that address.

On recommendation of Committee No. 1, on Chapters U. D., charters were granted to six such Chapters.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved all five decisions reported by the Grand High Priest.

The Committee on Necrology made fitting report commemorating the lives of departed Companions. We must be permitted to quote what the Committee says concerning our old fellow-correspondent, Thomas M. Matthews.

Here it is:

"In his home at Athens, Texas, after months of confinement to his bed, Thos. M. Matthews, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, passed to his reward, a man though frail in body, who left his 'Mark' incredibly written upon Masonry in Texas. For many years he was Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge, filling the position so well that his Brethren came to look upon him as an authority in matters of foreign jurisdiction, who could always speak as one with 'authority.'

'A grand old man who was greatly loved;
A faithful, and to the last, most zealous Mason;
A pious, God-serving man, in remembering whom we all may pray,
May our last end be like his.'"

The report of the Board of Directors of the Aged Masons' Home was very encouraging.

In concluding its report, the Board says:

"The endowment fund as provided for at the last meeting of this Grand Chapter has already started on its accumulation, and this is well, for with the one year that this Home has been in existence your Directors are already confronted with the proposition that must be met in a few years of providing more quarters for those who will surely come to seek the sheltering care of this great institution."

The balance of cash in the Grand Treasurer's hands was the sum of \$4,445.96.

The Committee on Grand Officers Reports said:

"We approve every word spoken by our Grand High Priest in regard to the Home for Aged Masons.

Every Mason in Texas who has the opportunity to visit said Home, and neglects it, does himself, Lodge and Chapter an injustice. No Mason can visit the Home and converse with its inmates without being made a better man and Mason. Every Mason who does visit it feels proud of the fact that he belongs to the Masonic Fraternity, and leaves a true Masonic missionary. What better way can we express our love for the Creator than by ministering to the wants of our fellow men?"

On favorable report of Committee No. 2 on Petitions, two demised Chapters had their Charters returned to them.

On recommendation of Committee No. 1 on Petitions, Charters were granted for two new Chapters, and the Grand High Priest, incoming, was authorized in his discretion to issue a third.

Comp. John L. Terrell, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recommended recognition of the two Grand Chapters—Utah and Western Australia. The recommendation was adopted.

The bond of the Grand Treasurer is for the sum of \$10,000.00, that of the Grand Secretary is for \$5,000.00.

The business of Grand Chapter having been completed, the Grand Officers for the ensuing year were duly installed, but the retiring Grand High Priest having presented his successor with the traditional seal of office and the "Morris Cane," could not escape without being decorated with a Past Grand High Priest's jewel.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood elected forty-three eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is again, we gladly perceive, presented by Comp. John L. Terrell, Chairman of the Committee. It is his seventeenth. May he be spared to write seventeen more, and more still.

In his review of fifty-seven volumes of proceedings, he gives Alabama, 1911, nearly two pages of kind and fraternal notice. The reception given to General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, is referred to.

Referring to M., E., Comp. Bingham's ruling that a Chapter could confer the degrees by courtesy, at request of another Grand Jurisdiction, although the candidates had but one foot, intimating, however, that such misfortune would disqualify an Alabama Brother, Comp. Terrell comments as follows:

"I believe the Masonic world, especially Capitular Masonry, is growing more lenient towards the perfect youth theory, and am glad of it. He holds, correctly, I think, that an objection to the advancement of a candidate debars him; though he adds, 'until such objection is withdrawn.' We hold that a black ball is an objection, therefore an objection should have the same effect as a black ball."

Alluding to the exemplification of work in the Grand Chapter of Alabama, Comp. Terrell says:

"No mention of a substitute. Wonder if the Grand Chapter in the plenitude of its power conferred the Royal Arch on a team of one."

We are sure Comp. Terrell does not charge anything for that query.

He congratulates Comp. John B. Lyons on his election as Deputy Grand High Priest.

We will not apologize for quotation of Comp. Terrell as follows:

"Now again comes dear old Brother Titcomb, with an excellent review, that does not need his apology, or any 'mantle of charity' to hide its defects. We are sorry to learn of his sickness and confinement in a hospital, but now at the ripe age of past eighty-five, we presume he expects a few aches and pains occasionally. Long may he live in health and vigor to continue to enlighten his less informed Brethren.

As to the adoption of the 'Texas plan,' in respect to the Council degrees, Companion Titcomb would prefer to put it in his 'pipe and

smoke it' before giving it his unqualified assent. You can do with it as you please, Companion T., just so you don't burn it up. It would make a sure enough smoke, of a sulphurous character, if we undertook to destroy it.

We commend the following, from the pen of our good brother, to every Texas Mason:

'In Masonry, the theory that the office should seek the man, not the man the office, should certainly obtain. We are well aware that, in politics, such theory would not "pan out" worth a cent; nevertheless, Masonic methods should, nay, must, be far above those of the political arena.'

Companion Titcomb courteously and delightfully reviews the Proceedings of Texas, 1910. His copy of our Proceedings evidently got a little mixed by the binder, the transactions proper coming at the back of the volume. He complimented our Grand High Priest Gallaher, and declares his address was an able document, though he does not quite agree with all his decisions.

He admits that he can't say that the Saints John had anything to do with Capitular Masonry. He apologizes for calling us an old mossback, grizzled and gray, and we accept and extend gladly our hand across the bloody chasm. Under Wisconsin he suggests a 'reunion of the Reviewers in the Craft,' and fixes the place and time as Washington City, June, 1912. Sorry we did not get his suggestion in time. But, perhaps, another day will 'carry us back to Alabam,' where we will have the pleasure to embrace our good brother."

In the first place—and last place, too—we gratefully appreciate Comp. Terrell's kind interest in our welfare, and we congratulate him on his election to the highest office in Grand Chapter, which office he will adorn—that goes without saying.

Now, as to that 'pipe,' how is it to be smoked without the contents burning? And if they do burn, you say, Companion, that the smoke will be a "sulphurous" smell. Does not that savor of badness?

We did not know that our Texas Companion cultivated the poetic muse, but, by his well-written "Conclusion," we are at once enlightened:

"We regret to part company with that splendid lot of Companions composing the reportorial guild. They are a royal set, and their work deserves many more readers than take advantages of their wisdom, skill and experience:

While we have personally met but few of them, we feel as though they were intimate friends, and we trust it will be our privilege for years to come to read something of their annual reviews:

Some of them that we readily call to mind are:

Titcomb the aged, and Davies, his peer,
 Bennett the sage, and Kies so severe;
 Harrison the pious, and Fulkerson reversed,
 Warvelle the critic, and Moody, ne'er coerced.
 Matthew, whose sire name is Miller, and Cleveland the great,
 Miller, John Henderson and Clarke, never late.
 Duncan, the scholar with dignified mien;
 Schultz we adore; our faults are unseen;
 Harris, the Maine man in all this royal set,
 Waite, who waiteth not, though far away yet.
 Conover, the dear Charlie, who is never so tall,
 Todd, the erudite, who lives with St. Paul.
 McKay, to name physical defects calls for convulsion,
 Wroth, who is peaceful, though opposed to compulsion.
 Phelps, from the land where the blasts are much cooler,
 Haines, from the home of the nation's next ruler;
 Greenwood, who with Pierre Cushing is great,
 Southgate, the patriarch of the Old North State.
 Chambers, across the border, a good hitter at times,
 Frank Hart, the Kid, whose beauty outshines.
 McClister, the peaceful 'mid Tennessee's game,
 Nesbitt, the clipper of Old Dominion fame.
 Wright, from the city made famous by Schlitz,
 Hedges, chip of the old block, who ne'er down sits,
 Seward the polished, whose reviews we adore.
 Levoy, who loves accidents and pictures galore,
 Foster, the old-timer who never cries rest,
 Parshall, the sage of the young child of the West.

'Our Mystic friends, we love you, but need must bid adieu,
 The world so wide before you holds all its best for you.
 So face your lives with highest hopes, it truly is worth while
 To live our Masonic teachings full, without deceit or guile.'

Our beloved Dr. Thomas M. Matthews, Past Grand Master, who for very many years has written the Correspondence Report for our Grand Lodge, has completed's life labors, and been called higher to enjoy the blessings which follow a well spent life. A good man and true Mason, who had lived long past man's allotted time, and was ready for the Master's call. The entire Craft of Texas mourn with his loved ones more closely allied by family ties. He but awaits them beyond the river.

Another, much beloved by the Royal Craft in Texas, has but lately laid down life's toils and joined the hosts of God's elect in Paradise.

The gentle friend, the courteous Companion and the Knightly, courageous Mason, John A. Bryan, so long our Grand Secretary, will be greatly missed as we gather in our Annual Convocations. He too has but gone before, and awaits those who mourn his departure. May peace be theirs.

We hope to continue yet years to come to freely mingle with the Royal Craft of Texas, to meet them in Annual Convocations, and

profit by their associations, and render such assistance as we may in their labors; but in this particular line of service we bid them adieu.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN L. TERRELL."

Comp. John L. Terrell, M., E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. C. R. Phillips, R., E., Grand Secretary.

UTAH.

1ST ANNUAL—OGDEN—MAY, 1912.

Chartered Chapters, 4. Membership, 562. Increase, 13.

Comp. Charles F. Jennings, M., E., Grand High Priest.

This volume is graced with a portrait of General Grand High Priest, Nathan Kingsley, and with one showing the thoughtful face of Grand High Priest, Charles F. Jennings.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a brief but well-written paper which breathes the true spirit of Masonry.

The M., E., had issued his commission to six Grand Representatives near other Grand Chapters, Alabama being of the six; Comp. Philip McRae, of Montgomery, being his envoy near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

The Grand High Priest had granted three dispensations to install officers at other times than that prescribed by law, because of unavoidable hinderance at the prescribed time.

He had made an official visit to each of the Chapters, manifestly to their profit. If the Companions never see, in their own Chapter, any of the Grand Officers, the tendency is toward a lack of interest in the Royal Craft.

Utah will have a uniform set of By-Laws for the Chapters.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting of Grand Chapter at Salt Lake City.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence is without a signature, but all the same it is a well-written document.

Alabama, 1911, is courteously and fraternally reviewed. Grand High Priest Bingham receives courteous attention.

The writer having asked charitable indulgence for shortcomings and deficiencies in his report, hoping future reports will "pan-out" better, the unknown Companion handsomely says:

"If they do, they will be models for imitation."

We do not blame the Companion for twitting us on our criticism of other Jurisdictions for giving candidates quick trip from Babylon to Jerusalem, in view of the fact that our own Grand High Priest had granted twenty-three such trips. The reviewer evidently thinks "people who live in glass houses should not throw stones." All the same, we personally, are steadfastly opposed to such hurry-up expeditions. No, Companion, we did not intend a slap at our own Grand High Priest, whom we highly esteem, but our disapproval of the procedure of such hurried work, wherever it occurs.

Comp. Hermon J. Craven, M.°, E.°, Grand High Priest.

Comp. Adolph Anderson, R.°, E.°, Grand Secretary.

UTAH.

2ND ANNUAL—SALT LAKE CITY—MAY, 1913.

A Special Convocation had been held in January, 1913, for the purpose of instituting Salt Lake Chapter U. D., at Salt Lake City, Utah.

We note that the officers appointed for this new Chapter were installed "in Ample Form." In North Dakota it was ruled at their last Grand Chapter Convocation that installation in a Chapter U. D. was unnecessary.

The requirements for holding a Chapter U. D. seem to cover the ground, so we incline to the North Dakota ruling.

The Second Annual Convocation was opened May 14, 1913, with Comp. Hermon J. Craven, M.°, E.°, Grand High Priest, presiding.

His portrait adorns the initial page of this record of proceedings.

All the Chapters in the Jurisdiction were represented, but six of the officers' places were filled temporarily.

Alabama was so fortunate as to be one of the ten Jurisdictions whose diplomats were at their posts. Said Representatives were received and welcomed in the usual manner.

Number of Chapters, 4. Membership, 598. Net gain, 36.

We extract the following well-chosen words from the opening of the Grand High Priest's address:

"The organizing of the Grand Chapter has been for Capitular Masonry in our state like the ripening effects of the noonday sun, diffusing light and life through all the latent qualities that have lain dormant, dispelling the clouds of discord and jealousy, and blossoming into graceful life the beautiful radiating rays of charity, and today Masonry in Utah stands more firmly united, if possible, than ever before.

And while we, as a Grand Body, cannot look back to the three-score years or more of glorious achievements, a feeling of pride wells within our bosoms when we realize that we are a part of that great institution that can point to its 50, 60, 100 years or more of great good accomplished.

And when we look over the pages of history and see the names of the great and good men who have enlisted under our banner, men who have carried into their every day life the great principles inculcated at our sacred altar, we know by their acts and their lives that the foundations of our institution are based upon the principles of eternal truth.

We know that the great book of "Nature and Revelation," that Great Light in Masonry, that lies open upon our sacred altar, was their rule and guide."

The Grand High Priest had granted but one dispensation, viz., to institute Salt Lake Chapter.

He had made several official visitations to near-by Chapters.

The sum of \$300.00 had been sent to the flood sufferers in the Ohio River valley.

The Grand High Priest's recommendations were of local interest only.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers most heartily commended the Grand High Priest for his zealous, painstaking discharge of the duties incumbent upon him.

The Committee did, however, raise objection in one instance, as follows:

"We recommend that part of address relating to granting a dispensation to receive a petition by a Chapter from an applicant not residing in the jurisdiction six months be eliminated, as it seems to contemplate an invasion of the rights of a sister Jurisdiction."

The Committee's report was adopted.

The Grand Treasurer reported cash balance as \$513.93.

The Committee on Necrology made fitting report on the fraternal dead, at home and abroad.

The Board of Custodians made an extended report on Ritualistic matters, which report was adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported itself "out of a job."

At a convention of the re-organized Order of High Priesthood, it was announced that the Order of High Priesthood, some time dormant, had re-organized, and request was made for recognition by Grand Chapter, and permission asked to have its proceedings recorded with the Grand Chapter proceedings. This request was granted.

Installation of the Grand Officers took place; the customary Past Grand High Priest jewel was presented to the retiring Grand High Priest; announcement of date for Special Convocation for the purpose of constituting Salt Lake Chapter was made, and presently Grand Chapter was closed.

As intimated in other quarters, short work has been necessitated for reviewing Utah, also, for lack of time.

The proceedings of the re-organization of the Order of High Priesthood appear in this pamphlet.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Comp. A. Scott Chapman and reviews the proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Chapters and of the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter, United States of America.

Alabama is not in it. The reviewer makes a fine report. Concise and comprehensive.

As a sample of the reviewer's style, here is his apt reply to Comp. Fulkerson, of the District of Columbia, who had intimated that, as we grow older, we say less but feel more:

"Roe Fulkerson, for the Committee, presents the Report on Correspondence, and in 44 pages reviews 58 Grand Chapter proceedings, three of them for two years. In those 44 pages he has presented more of interest than the writer can in twice that number. He tells of closer sympathy and increasing love that come with the passing years as man and wife 'trudge down the broad highway of life, side by side.'

'But year by year he becomes less able to tell her about this love he bears her. Year by year he uses up his complimentary terms of endearment, although in his heart there is greater love than when he was more verbose.'

He then compares his correspondence work, in its increasing brevity, with the shorter love tributes of advancing years.

Here is where we differ with Companion Fulkerson. Tell her 'the old, old story' again, and yet again, and see the glistening eye and feel the fond embrace; for the heart does not grow old.

With the foreign correspondent the years of experience have sharpened his wits and given him power of expression and description which do not require "the stock of descriptive adjectives." For this we envy him. Many of the classics of our language are remarkable for this last, which he deplores."

Comp. Wm. J. Lynch, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Walter Daniels, R. E., Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

96TH ANNUAL—BURLINGTON—JUNE, 1913.

Chartered Chapters, 30. Number making returns, 29. Number showing work, 27. Royal Arch Masons in the Jurisdiction, 4,276. Net gain, 96.

Grand Secretary H. H. Ross states that every Chapter save one has made returns and paid its dues.

Comp. H. D. Bryant, M. E., Grand High Priest.

To our regret, Alabama's Representative was not reported present at the Convocation under review.

The Grand High Priest had issued only a limited number of dispensations, the reason therefor being, in his judgment, good and sufficient. In regard to rulings he said:

"I have not been called upon to make any new decisions. Various questions have been presented to me, but in every case existing laws provided for their settlement.

In one Chapter a candidate had been elected and three degrees conferred upon him; objection was then made to the High Priest to the exaltation of the candidate. I decided that in the absence of definite and expressed grounds for objection, the candidate was entitled to proceed.

Being asked to what extent a High Priest could control the methods of the work of his Chapter, I said the High Priest has entire control in the matter and he should carefully see that every

thing connected with the work is done in the most dignified and serious manner. That in genuine Masonic work there is no room for anything like burlesque or buffoonery."

The address was short but to the point.

The Committee on Grievances and the Committee on Dispensations and Charters had no business before them to consider.

The Jurisprudence Committee made the following report:

"Your Committee to whom was referred certain matters in the M. E. Grand High Priest's address, would respectfully report. We approve of the dispensations granted, would concur with the Grand High Priest in our appreciation of the courtesy of waivers of jurisdiction. The ruling of the Grand High Priest in the case of objection to the advancement of a candidate is commended and sustained, and that in regard to the High Priest having control of the work of the Chapter we approve most emphatically."

(But the sacred right of objection.)

The report of the Committee on Necrology was very full and gave State heading to each memorial.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again from the cultured pen of M. E. Comp. Marsh O. Perkins, and it reviews with discrimination the proceedings of fifty-four Grand Bodies.

Alabama, 1912, receives two pages of fraternal notice. Comp. Perkins says of Grand High Priest Lawrence H. Lee's address:

"The address of the Grand High Priest is an able paper, reflecting progress from a material as well as an ethical standpoint."

What Comp. Perkins says about visitations and inspection is on the right line.

He honors the writer by yielding him about a page of space in his report. And calls our last a "fine, comprehensive Report on Correspondence." All the same, he jumps, with both feet, on our opposition to the use of substitutes in the R. A. Degree.

Listen:

"Meanwhile, both Vermont and Alabama still cling to the usage of the fathers, and are not inclined to depart from time-honored customs."

Time-honored! Comp. Perkins need not be reminded that, in society, various practices still exist, which while injurious, are nevertheless time-honored.

Recurring to "substitutes," he wishes to know what we have to say in that connection, about proficiency, etc.

Well, Comp., ask us a specific question on the subject of "proficiency," and we will promptly answer, if we can.

We present here Comp. Perkins' Conclusion:

"Our report covers in review all American Grand Bodies of Royal Arch Masonry, except the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, from which nothing has been received. The published proceedings of foreign Grand Bodies present little of interest, beyond the fact that Scotland begins to show signs of weakening in her demands upon some of the Australian Grand Bodies for a concession by them of acknowledged "mutual sovereignty" within their respective Jurisdictions. Possibly her recent determination to locate a Chapter in the Philippine Islands may be the means of establishing jurisdictional limitations, that shall become a universal law. If the 'diplomacy' of the General Grand Chapter results in anything tangible, it can but have its bearing on Scotland in her relations with the Australasian Grand Bodies, and aid in clearing the path to a full recognition of 'home rule' everywhere in the Capitular world. Even if the General Grand's 'diplomacy' fails in the first instance, none can question the ultimate results. But let us hope its "diplomacy" may not fail."

We wish we had time to attempt to do justice to Comp. Perkins Report.

Comp. Silas H. Danforth, M., E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Henry H. Ross, R., E., Grand Secretary.

VICTORIA.

23RD YEAR—MELBOURNE—1911-1912.

Comp. Geo. E. Emery, M., E., Grand Z.

Number of Chapters, 19. Members, 903. Net increase, 57.

The pamphlet before us contains a record of transactions at the three Convocations—July, 1911, October, 1911, and January, 1912, covering nine months.

Nothing special in this pamphlet engages our attention, save that the death of our late beloved Grand Treasurer, R., E., William Henry Dingley, was announced at the October Convocation, and the

address of the Grand Z., who made an earnest plea on behalf of Capitular Masonry. He is not one of those Freemasons who regard the Royal Arch as little more than a stepping stone for the (so-called) higher degrees. We shall quote but a single paragraph from his address, conveying an idea of the object aimed at by the Grand Z.:

"It may be that some Companions think that it is not proper, or in accordance with Capitular Masonic Line and Rule, to seek to induce by persuasion founded on good reasons Freemasons to take the Royal Arch Degree. While, of course, it is distinctly against the laws of Freemasonry to be instrumental in making Freemasons in any other way than their own voluntary inclination, uninfluenced by certain motives, based on certain basic principles well known to Freemasons, yet such rules, as I understand Royal Arch Freemasonry, do not apply in relation to members of the Craft. On the contrary, it is a duty upon Royal Arch Freemasons, I think, to bring under the attention of all Master Masons the desirability and benefit to them of joining our ranks, if for no other reason than to make that daily advancement in Masonic knowledge which they are enjoined to do upon their passage into the world of Freemasonry."

The Grand Z. proceeded to give good reasons for his opinion, but we must leave him thus.

Comp. Edward Coulson, M. E., First Grand Principal.

Comp. G. L. Marquard, R. E., Grand Scribe E.

VIRGINIA.

105TH ANNUAL—RICHMOND—OCTOBER, 1912.

Number of Chapters, 69. Membership, 6,745. Net gain, 297.

Comp. Stanley W. Martin, M. E., Grand High Priest.

The address of the Grand High Priest was not long, but well befitted his high office.

He had granted two dispensations for organizing two new Chapters. He had constituted one Chapter, and had made nine visitations, most agreeable to himself and profitable to the Chapters visited.

That he was not called upon for any decisions, speaks well for the officers of the subordinate Chapters.

His recommendations were of special interest to his Virginia Companions only.

That he took so much interest in the Masonic Home of Virginia does him great honor. Surely his heart is in the right place.

We note that, in the list of Grand Representatives, Alabama's place is filled with a deep sable line—the first intimation we have had that our Representative has crossed the great divide. We trust the vacancy will soon be filled.

The total contributions to the Masonic Home from the Chapters during the year were \$1,561.50.

The Grand Secretary had received the Annual Returns from all the Chapters and the dues from all but one. That, we think, was a very good showing.

The Grand Lecturer's report, nearly six closely printed pages, is rather tough for our eyes, which have been in use eighty-six years, but is, of course, very interesting to Virginia Companions.

In his address the Grand High Priest had animadverted upon the fact that several of the Chapters had been corresponding with Chapters in other Grand Jurisdictions direct. He recommended that all the subordinate Chapters be required to hold such correspondence through the Grand High Priests of the respective Jurisdictions. And the Committee on the Address approved his recommendation. Grand Chapter did the same.

That determination does not appeal to the writer.

The dispensations of the Grand High Priest were also approved on recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Charters were granted to the two Chapters U. D.

A beautiful gold Past Grand High Priest's jewel was presented to the retiring Grand High Priest as a token of the love and high esteem of his Companions.

The Grand Council of anointed High Priests elected twenty-two eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is presented by our genial Companion Charles A. Nesbitt. There is no index or list of Jurisdictions, and we cannot stop to count them. Comp. Nesbitt is kind and courteous. He uses his scissors very freely, but always with discrimination.

Alabama, 1911, is given about one page of fraternal notice. M. E. Comp. William E. Bingham is complimented by a liberal extract from his address.

The writer is grateful for kind words personal to himself.

Comp. Sol. Cutchins, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. James B. Blanks, R. E. Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

28TH ANNUAL—SEATTLE—JUNE, 1912.

Chartered Chapters, 32. U. D., 2. Membership, 3,642. Net gain, 56.

Comp. Wesley C. Stone, M. E. Grand High Priest.

A Special Convocation was held September 27, 1911, at North Washington, for the purpose of dedicating a new Masonic Temple. The ceremonies were very impressive. The address on the occasion covers over ten closely printed pages—rather tough for our old eyes.

At the opening of the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, all the Grand Officers were present with the exception of the Grand Chaplain, whose place is marked with a blank line of mourning.

Nine Past Grand High Priests were in attendance. Distinguished visitors from Kansas and British Columbia were received and welcomed.

In the beginning of his address the Grand High Priest paid loving tribute to the memory of Grand Chaplain William Pelan—Father Pelan—who was loved and venerated by all who knew him.

One Chapter had been constituted, and two Chapters formed U. D.

Only two decisions were reported—one denying the Chapter degrees to a Master Mason who had lost one foot, the other deciding that it was not necessary to give the Royal Arch sign on breaking the Arch.

The Grand High Priest referred to the action taken by the Grand Chapter of Illinois requiring the recall of all Representatives near other Grand Chapters who were not Past Grand High Priests, and accordingly recalled one such Representative.

The good reason for this action by Illinois, is not obvious to the writer

A large number of official visits had been made by the M. E.—a practice worthy of emulation by other Grand High Priests.

The few recommendations were of local interest only.

The Grand Secretary states that all the returns of the Chapters have been made and all dues paid, but that quite a few were tardy and negligent.

Again we repeat that promptness on the part of Secretaries would save the Grand Secretary a deal of unnecessary trouble.

The Grand Treasurer informs us that total cash and investment, Home Fund foots up \$5,208.35.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence, recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of Utah.

The Grand Orator's address occupied only twenty-five and one-half solid pages in the proceedings.

The representatives expenses were comparatively small, \$502.22.

The Committee on Obituary made a short but appropriate report.

On favorable report of the Committee on Chapters U. D., Charters were granted to two such Chapters, but in one case of application for dispensation, the grant was conditioned.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Finance sustained the decisions and dispensations of the Grand High Priest.

The Committee recommended that the General Grand Chapter of the United States be petitioned to relinquish jurisdiction over Royal Arch Masons in Alaska, in favor of the Grand Chapter of Washington, and that delegates to the General Grand Chapter be instructed to do all in their power to secure such result.

Next Annual will be at Wenatchee.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence by Companion Yancey C. Blalock is his twenty-ninth.

Alabama, 1911, receives fraternal notice.

Comp. W. G. Rowland, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Yancey C. Blalock, R. E., Grand Secretary.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION—PERTH—OCTOBER, 1912.

Number of Chapters and membership not stated.

Comp. J. S. Battye, M.°, E.°, Grand Z., whose portrait graces the initial page of this pamphlet.

At the semi-annual in April, 1912, the Grand Z. reported the granting of five dispensations to install officers and to work R. C. and A. M. degrees. He also referred to a communication from the General Grand Chapter of the U. D., commending to sister Grand Bodies the new Grand Chapter of Utah.

He thought it best to defer action on the case until Utah should ask to be recognized.

October 29th the Annual was opened at Freemasons' Hall, Perth, M.°, E.°, First Grand Principal, Comp. Battye, presiding.

In his address the Grand Z. said:

"I am pleased to be able to record that complete harmony and good will exists throughout the jurisdiction, and there is evidence on every hand of distinct and satisfactory progress. From almost every subordinate Chapter come reports of increased membership, and in many cases brethren holding high rank in Blue Masonry have declared their interest in the Royal Arch."

Five Grand Representatives were present.

Five dispensations granted and four visitations were reported.

The leading topic of discussion at Perth seems to be the subject of their relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland.

Comp. J. S. Battye, M.°, E.°, Grand Z.

Comp. J. C. Strickland, V.°, E.°, Grand Scribe E.

WEST VIRGINIA.

42ND ANNUAL—CHARLESTON—NOVEMBER, 1912.

Chartered Chapters, 38. U. D., 1. Membership, 5,607. Increase 306.

Comp. Harry S. Cushwa, M.°, E.°, Grand High Priest.

Portraits of several P. G. H. P.'s, including M.°, E.°, Hiram R. Howard, who died May 3, 1912, and whom we once had the pleasure

of meeting in Birmingham, Ala., appear in this volume, also the Grand High Priest-elect, Comp. Francis E. Nichols, and thirty-nine Grand Representatives in medallion portraits.

January 28, 1911, a Special Convocation was held for the purpose of constituting a Chapter.

We do not find the name of our Representative in the list of Grand Representatives present at the Annual Convocation under review.

In his address the Grand High Priest made feeling reference to the death of M. E. Hiram R. Howard, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and President of the Order of High Priesthood. Comp. Howard had won distinction in civil, military and Masonic experience. He is greatly missed.

The Grand High Priest reported no decisions; therefore, the Committee on Jurisprudence reported that nothing had come before it for consideration.

The Committee's report was accepted.

The Grand High Priest had granted three special dispensations, satisfactory reasons for the requests, in each instance being given but had refused one, the grounds for the request being deemed unsatisfactory.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash on hand was the sum of \$7,020.47.

The Grand Secretary, in making his report, intimated that his duties performed having been most of routine nature, and therefore, did not need to be itemized. The greater portion of his report consists of short sketches of the Grand Representatives near Grand Chapter. No doubt those Companions fully appreciated the compliments paid them.

If R. E. Comp. Reed will pardon us, we venture to intimate that the duties of his office do not require him to incorporate in his report those biographical sketches.

Yes, Companion, as we intimated in another quarter, if desired to do so we'll mind our own business.

The Grand Lecturer made full report of his efficient work during the year. Our West Virginia Companions are justly proud of R. E. Comp. Ashley.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, the Chapter U. D. was so continued another year.

In the report of the Committee on Obituary we find a fine tribute to the memory of M. E. Hiram Reese Howard, lately deceased.

The following Committees, viz: Committee on Jurisprudence, Committee on By-Laws, Committee on Grievances, all reported that nothing had come before them for consideration. All were adopted.

We note that a P. G. H. P. was appointed "Assistant Tiler." Surely the portals were well guarded.

The Convention of the Order of High Priesthood elected thirteen eligible Companions to the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again, as we are glad to see, the clever work of R. E. D. K. Reed, who reviews the proceedings of fifty-six Grand Chapters—seven of them for two years.

Alabama, 1911, is accorded two pages of courteous, brotherly notice.

He says:

"The Grand Chapter of Alabama was honored by an official visit from Companion Nathan Kingsley, General Grand High Priest, who was received with proper honors and escorted to the East. He made one of his characteristic addresses, after which the Grand Chapter went on with its usual work."

Commenting on the excellent address of M. E. William E. Bingham, and noting the number of dispensations to waive time in conferring degrees, he justly, in the writer's opinion, animadvert on the practice of permitting hurry-up work in conferring the degrees.

He gives our Grand High Priest fraternal attention, and says of his conclusion:

"In his conclusion, he said, 'To be the official head of the body of men who compose the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alabama, is indeed an honor that any man might covet and be proud of.' We agree with him there. Alabama is a great state, its Grand Chapter is a great Grand Chapter, and its Royal Arch Masons are as fine a body of men as any State can boast of, and surely is not excelled by any—unless it be the Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia."

Oh, Companion, come off. Do not put on us the necessity of ejaculating "Skiddoo."

He does us great honor in his reference to the Alabama Report on Correspondence.

Our readers will pardon us for quoting it. So here goes:

"The Correspondence Report was presented by Companion William Y. Titcomb, who has reported in this capacity for Alabama for a good many years, and who has always done his work well, and in this case, although he was delayed by sickness, the report is up to his standard of excellence, and no apology is necessary. He fills up 119 pages and devotes two of the pages to West Virginia for 1909. He picked out a great many of the good points in our Proceedings, and generously passed all the points that were not good.

Concerning our Grand Secretary he said, 'Grand Secretary, Companion D. K. Reed, is a faithful and efficient officer, invaluable to the Craft.' For that beautiful bouquet, we take off our hat and make our prettiest bow, for we appreciate it more than words can tell. Companion Titcomb believes in handing bouquets while one is living, not after he is dead. The following quotation is appropriate to his disposition along this line:

'Why wait until my labor's ended?

Don't you think it better if you said:

'Please accept this little bunch of roses,

You want them now, not when you're dead.'"

We are pleased to find ourselves in accord with Comp. Reed so generally. A single instance must suffice because we have so little space to spare. Thus—he is all right on the necessity of good standing in the Blue Lodge in order to get into, and remain in the Chapter, and on wearing R. A. M. regalia at funerals.

Here is Comp R's conclusion:

"Our work, as correspondent, is done once more. Before, we had a partner in the game, on whose willing shoulders we could lay a part or all the blame for whatever 'went wrong,' but this time we had to 'go it alone,' and, therefore, must acknowledge it *all* as our own, good, bad and indifferent, and the only thing we can do is to trust our effort to the tender mercies of those who read—if *any* there be."

We have found in Comp. Reed's report nothing "bad" or "indifferent," but a plenty that is "good."

Comp. Francis E. Nichols, M., E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. D. K. Reed, P. G. H. P., R., E., Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

63D ANNUAL—MILWAUKEE—FEBRUARY, 1913.

Chartered Chapters, 82. U. D., 1. Members 10,640. Net gain, 362. Comp. Robert B. Lang, M. E., Grand High Priest.

The initial page of this splendidly printed volume shows the intelligent face of the Grand High Priest-elect, Homer C. Clark.

In his address, the Grand High Priest notes that 138 of his Wisconsin Companions have obeyed the last summons, and he presents a list of the dead of sister Jurisdictions, who were bright lights in their several spheres.

The M. E. closed his account of his twenty-five visitations to subordinate Chapters with these words:

"During all the days of my life, I shall be both grateful and glad for the blessings which have this year come to me with the warm hand-clasps of men whom I esteem it an honor to have known."

He had granted one dispensation to form a new Chapter.

He had been asked for a dispensation to hold a special election to fill the office of Scribe, because they had elected a certain Companion to both offices of Scribe and Treasurer. He answered that if the Companion was willing to hold the office of Scribe, that of Treasurer being vacant, they could elect a Treasurer without a dispensation.

Under the head of Decisions, he had been asked for a dispensation to receive and act upon the petition of a Brother who had some three months previously moved from Iowa, and had become a resident of Ladysmith, Wisconsin.

After giving the matter careful consideration, he decided in the negative—wisely, we think, because while the law gives the Grand High Priest authority to shorten time by dispensation, the intent of the law is to authorize the Grand High Priest to exercise the dispensing power only for acts which are not expressly prohibited by the Constitution, which requires twelve months residence in the state before such petition can be received and acted on.

The request came from a certain Chapter asking permission to arrange for two substitutes in conferring the R. A. Degree.

The enquirer was referred to the law of Grand Chapter prohibiting such action. Personally, we ejaculate, Good.

A P. G. H. P. of Illinois asked whether or not it was customary in Wisconsin for a candidate for the R. A. to wear a white apron.

The answer was in the affirmative.

As none but Master Masons can apply for the Capitular degrees, it would seem that it would be strictly proper that the white apron should be in evidence as a badge of a Mason. It should be worn as a Master Mason wears his—in the Blue Lodge a mark of distinction.

He recommended that the question be referred to the General Committee for consideration and report at the current Convocation.

The Grand High Priest's other rulings were evidently correct.

The Grand High Priest called attention to a subject on which we have very pronounced views—dependent membership. To the writer his recommendation strongly appeals. It is as follows (after cogent reasons for its adoption):

"I would, therefore, recommend that our capable Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence take up the subject of Dependent Membership, and discuss it in all its phases and, if they think it proper, introduce a resolution at this Annual Convocation, to be laid over until the next Annual Convocation for action, requiring all Companions to be affiliated in their respective Lodges in order to make their membership in Constituent Chapters of full force and effect."

Among his other recommendations we find one brought up by knowledge of the greatly increased work of the Grand Secretary's office. This was referred to the Finance Committee with instructions to report thereon at the current Convocation.

The present quarters of Grand Chapter and of the Grand Secretary's office being inadequate, it was in contemplation, at the expiration of the present lease, May 1, 1914, to remove to the Wisconsin Consistory Building. Another recommendation was that the matter of leasing the new building be referred to the Trustees of Grand Chapter, also that the Finance Committee be instructed to report on the necessary increase of Grand Chapter dues to cover the expense incurred if Grand Chapter decided to make said removal.

A few special recommendations were also made. Of these we note the following:

One, that the payment of the Assistant Grand Secretary and that of the Assistant Grand Sentinel be increased; another that the most creditable work of Comp. Samuel Wright be more nearly compen-

sated for. These special recommendations to be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

Before closing his address, the Grand High Priest tossed the following fragrant bouquet to the most estimable Grand Secretary, Comp. William W. Perry:

"To our dearly esteemed Grand Secretary, that true servant of God, whose heart wishes well to everything that lives, I do not find words to measure my indebtedness. I shall be his debtor always."

From the Report of the Trustees it is learned that the Grand Secretary had received a total of \$5,953.00—all paid over to the Grand Treasurer. The following item in this report speaks volumes to the credit of our Wisconsin Companions.

The balance of unpaid dues from Subordinate Chapters is—*None*. (Italics ours.)

Balance February 18, 1913, in Grand Treasury, \$5,832.00.

The Committee on Obituary presented an impressive, well-penned report, which was adopted.

As to change of quarters, the Grand Trustees recommended that the matter be left to the Grand Lodge Trustees, and if Grand Lodge decides to make said change, Grand Chapter will join them. Adopted.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved all but one of the decisions of the Grand High Priest.

The one excepted related to a petitioner for the Chapter degrees who had been out of the state some years. It appears that evidence which was not possessed by the Grand High Priest when he made the ruling was brought to the Committee, hence the non-concurrence of the Committee.

As to Dependent Membership the Committee recommended that no action be taken at the current session of Grand Chapter.

The Committee did not advise extension of the Constitutional powers of the Grand High Priest. The report of the Committee was adopted.

The Finance Committee concurred in the recommendations of the Grand High Priest in regard to increase of the compensation of the following officers, viz: Assistant Grand Secretary, Assistant Grand Sentinel and Committee on Correspondence.

Report adopted.

The General Committee to which the query as to whether or not candidates should wear white aprons in receiving the Chapter degrees, was referred, reported as follows:

"The question of the wearing of aprons in the Chapter Bodies, we would respectfully report that we have carefully considered said matter and would recommend that the white aprons be worn exclusively in all the Chapter degrees except the Royal Arch, and in that degree the candidate be presented with the white apron and wear the white apron until crowned and clothed a Royal Arch Mason."

CORRESPONDENCE.

Comp. Samuel Wright, Committee on Correspondence.

Comp. Homer C. Clark, M. E., Grand High Priest.

Comp. Wm. W. Perry, R. E., Grand Secretary.

WYOMING.

5TH ANNUAL—EVANSTON—MARCH, 1913.

Comp. Robert H. Lawrence, M. E., Grand High Priest, whose portrait graces the first page of this volume.

Number of Chapters, 10. Members, 870. Net gain, 40.

It is with regret that we note the absence of our Representative from this Convocation. The absentees were in the majority—only sixteen Grand Representatives reported present.

From the short, but happily conceived, and well expressed address of the Grand High Priest it is learned that peace and harmony in the Jurisdiction have not been interrupted in any way. That only nine of the members have died. That Comp. Thomas Bradford, of Centre, has been commissioned as Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

The Grand Treasurer's balance cash on hand was the sum of \$835.76.

The Grand Secretary made the satisfactory statement that 30 days had sufficed for completing the work of preparing the proceedings and supplying all the demands of their mailing list.

The standing and special Committees made reports, which were concurred in.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers approved the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer; also commended the official acts of the Grand High Priest, and heartily eulogized that officer.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations recommended that two petitions to organize Chapters U. D. be granted.

We take from the report of the Jurisprudence Committee the following:

"We, your Committee to whom was referred the question of the length of time required by Master Masons enlisted in the Army and Navy of the U. S., before applications can be received from them for the degrees in the Chapters of this Jurisdiction, beg to report:

That inasmuch as such Master Masons are citizens of the whole United States and of no particular state or Jurisdiction, and their records being open to examination, that the privileges of joining Masonic Orders should be accorded them; that in extending the rights of the Order, we are in no way trespassing or invading the rights or jurisdiction of other states, therefore,

We recommend that Chapters working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Jurisdiction may, at their option, receive and act upon the petitions for degrees at any time after their location within the jurisdiction of any subordinate Chapter."

In Convention of the Holy Order of High Priesthood, nine eligible Companions were duly elected, anointed, consecrated and set apart as members of the Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Correspondence is again made by P. G. H. P. and Grand Secretary, Comp. Adrian J. Parshall, who presents a judicious, carefully prepared paper, reviewing the proceedings of all the Jurisdictions whose records had reached his table.

Alabama, 1912, is given two pages of most courteous attention.

Of M. E. Comp. Lawrence H. Lee's address, he says:

"The Grand High Priest presented a comprehensive, but not voluminous address."

Comp. Lee did not waste words—while in some cases a speaker's utterances constitute *multum in parvo*, the deliverances of some others may be designated as *parvum in multo*.

Comp. Parshall quotes about two-thirds of a page from the Grand High Priest's address.

He is most complimentary to the writer, who wishes that his merits were commensurate with Comp. Parshall's estimate of them.
Comp. Park C. Hays, M.°, E.°, Grand High Priest.
Comp. Adrian J. Parshall, R.°, E.°, Grand Secretary.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

34TH TRIENNIAL—SAVANNAH—NOVEMBER, 1909.

Companion Joseph E. Dyas, M.°, E.°, General Grand High Priest.
Number of Grand Chapters represented, 40. Officers and members present, 202.

Those who attended this Convocation, will not soon forget the unstinted hospitality and hearty reception accorded them while in attendance on the same.

A rather hasty reading of the address of the General Grand High Priest leaves the impression that it is a well-prepared document, imbued with the true spirit of Masonry.

Under the head of Necrology he paid an excellent tribute to the memory of the lamented Companion Wm. C. Swain, who died just as he closely neared the summit of his laudable ambition. But—God's will be done.

Under the head of "New Chapters," dispensations for organization of six such bodies are placed on record. One of these was at Havana, Cuba, and another at Fairbanks, Alaska.

The General Grand High Priest officially proclaimed that the Grand Chapters of Idaho and Wyoming had been duly formed and regularly established under the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and he recommended recognition of the same by all the Grand Chapters of R. A. M. of the world.

Under "Decisions," he ruled that until a member has been tried and convicted, he cannot be deprived of any of his rights and privileges of membership.

He decided that a certain Chapter in Wyoming, which had not taken part in the organization of a Grand Chapter in said state, must pay lawful dues to said Grand Chapter.

He decided that no Grand Chapter had power to organize a new Chapter outside its own Jurisdiction.

The General Grand High Priest had made a number of agreeable visitations.

From the report of the General Grand Treasurer it is learned that the invested funds of General Grand Chapter amount to \$24,453.89.

It is learned from the report of the General Grand Secretary that the number of Grand Chapters in allegiance to the General Grand Chapter has increased to forty-six by the addition of Idaho and Wyoming. Now the advent of Utah has made it forty-seven.

In the same report, we find the following resolution adopted by the Grand Chapter of Michigan:

"Resolved, That a Special Committee of three be appointed to investigate and report to this Grand Chapter at its next Annual Convocation, the exact nature of its connection with, and obligation, if any, to the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America."

The Special Committee so appointed having R. E. Charles A. Conover as Chairman, addressed the following questions to the General Grand Secretary, Companion Christopher G. Fox:

“GRAND CHAPTER, R. A. M., MICHIGAN.
CHARLES A. CONOVER, GRAND SECRETARY.
COLDWATER, MICH.

June 19, 1909.

CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Companion:

I was instructed last Convocation of our Grand Chapter to secure all the information possible relative to the relations of the Grand Chapter of Michigan to the General Grand Chapter, and I write you for information.

1st. Will you kindly give me from your records the date and form of the formal application of the Grand Chapter of Michigan for affiliation with the General Grand Chapter, also the names of persons signing the application?

2d. What would be the effect upon the membership in Michigan should this Grand Chapter decide to withdraw from the General Grand Chapter?

3d. What Michigan members first attended the General Grand Chapter and was this Jurisdiction considered as a member *before* that time?

4th. What is the relation existing between the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, Virginia and Texas?

5th. Is there any probability that the General Grand Chapter will entertain a proposition to use a portion of its revenue towards

defraying expenses of Representatives from its constituent Grand Chapters?

Any further information which you can give the Committee will be greatly appreciated.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES A. CONOVER,
Grand Secretary."

To which the General Grand Secretary made a lengthy reply, the gist of which was that no Grand Chapter owing allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, could of its own motion, sever its connection with the General Grand Body.

Some of the questions Companion Fox had no power or authority to answer positively, but on the main question he said:

"The Grand Chapter of Texas is a lawfully constituted constituent of the General Grand Chapter, yet for many years it has steadily declined to recognize that relation to the parent body, but nevertheless, because of the principle affirmed by the General Grand Chapter at Chicago, in 1859, and reaffirmed at St. Louis in 1868, *that no State Grand Chapter once under its jurisdiction can, of its own motion and without the sanction of the General Grand Chapter, withdraw its allegiance therefrom,* the General Grand Chapter has caused the Grand Chapter of Texas to be favored in every way precisely as it favors all other Grand Chapters of its Jurisdiction, and with an unflinching hope that at some time, and in some way, it would conclude to resume its lawful and proper relation to the General Grand Chapter."

At this writing we are not prepared to concede that under no possible circumstances could a Grand Chapter withdraw, of its own motion, from the General Grand Chapter.

At this date, May 2, 1913, the Triennial of 1909 belongs to Ancient History, hence we will not spin our yarn any longer.

We note with pleasure that our esteemed Companion, Walter Smith, of Tuscaloosa, had a place on an important Committee of the General Grand Chapter.

Companion Nathan Kingsley, M. E., General Grand High Priest.
Companion Christopher G. Fox, R. E., Grand Secretary.

(Note—Some days since, the sad news of Companion Fox's death reached us.)

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GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

35TH TRIENNIAL—INDIANAPOLIS—A. L. 2442, A. D. 1912.

This volume is handsomely embellished with a portrait of the General Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Nathan Kingsley, and with medallion portraits of all the Grand Officers in group.

Companion Nathan Kingsley, G. G. H. P.

The following will explain itself:

"SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE.

Officers and members present.....	217
Entitled to cast 281 votes.	
Distributed as follows:	
General Grand Officers (not including General Grand Sentinel)	13
Past General Grand Officers.....	3
Forty-two Grand Chapters represented, four votes each.....	168
Six Subordinate Chapters represented, one vote each.....	6
Past Grand High Priests present (not including General and Past General Grand Officers), one vote each.....	91
Total.....	281

Grand Chapters not represented were: Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Utah and Wyoming."

At the late hour of writing this notice we can take no more than a mere "snap-shot" as it were, at the proceedings of the Triennial at Indianapolis.

In the address of the G. G. H. P., the list of the distinguished dead in the several Grand Jurisdictions covers nine printed pages, including our lamented Robert W. Southerland.

Under the head of Special Dispensations, he had granted three, but had refused one to act on a petition at a special Convocation.

He had, by proxy, constituted a Chapter at Havana, Cuba, and one at Fairbanks, Alaska. He also recommended that a Charter be issued to Canal Zone Chapter No. 1, U. D., on the Isthmus of Panama.

The four R. A. Chapters in Utah, under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, having in Convention organized a Grand Chapter of Utah, M. E. Comp. Kingsley gave them his approval by proclamation and in

person, and on the day after the said Convention, duly installed their Grand Officers.

The following extract will be of interest to some of our readers:

"All the States in the Union now have duly organized and constituted Grand Chapters. These Grand Chapters, with the exception of Virginia and Pennsylvania, are constituent members of this body. Texas, however, does not send representatives, but is a member and is so carried on our rolls."

"The State of Utah is rich in both agricultural and mineral resources. It has an area of eighty-four thousand square miles, with a population of 373,351 in 1910. Of this population nearly one-half are members of the Mormon church, leaving but a small population from which the ranks of Masons in that state may be recruited. But our Brethren and Companions there are energetic public-spirited men and among the leaders in all branches of social, industrial and commercial activity. They have high ideals of citizenship, and are devoted adherents of and true members of our Masonic Institution. With such Brethren and Companions making up our membership in that Grand Jurisdiction there must and will be growth and prosperity. I predict for the Grand Chapter of Utah and its constituent members a prosperous, steady growth, and an imperishable future."

Luzon Chapter No. 1, Manila, Philippine Islands, asked the question whether or not said Islands should be considered "open territory." It seems that Grand Chapter of Scotland contemplates chartering a Chapter there. (The correspondence is too lengthy to quote here). The G. G. H. P. denounces such chartering as "Irregular," and thinks the policy of non-intercourse should be carried out in such case.

He had instructed the General Grand Secretary to take up this matter with the Grand Chapter of Scotland.

He pays well-merited tribute to the late General Grand Secretary, Companion Christopher G. Fox.

He appoints as Companion Fox's successor, Companion Charles A. Conover, Grand Secretary of Michigan.

Because it so chimes with the writer's own ideals, he ventures to extract the following paragraph from the address of a distinguished visitor, the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment K. T. of the United States:

"When I received the courteous invitation of your Presiding Officer to visit you officially, and be your guest, I accepted it with alacrity. I do not know whether I am the *first* Grand Master of Templars to visit the General Grand Chapter or not. If I am, then I am inaugurating a custom which I know will be followed by my successors. I

think there should be the closest of co-operation between the various National bodies of the York Rite. Between the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Encampment, there should be a unity of purpose, and a concerted action to protect the common interests of our two governing bodies of American York Rite Masonry. Companions, you are here as representatives of nearly four hundred thousand of the splendid men of Capitular Masonry. They are the graduates of the Masonic Lodges of the United States, that grand army of a million and a quarter of reliable citizens of the Republic. They are seeking a larger vision into the Masonic Mysteries and teachings of the higher bodies of our York Rite, and the most of them are traveling onward and upward to become members of the Orders of Christian Masonic Knighthood taught in the Commanderies of Knights Templar. The Grand Encampment protects the Lodges and the Chapters by requiring that each Knight Templar keep in active membership in Lodge and Chapter, and I call your attention, my Companions, to the fact that no National Body of Masonry of any other Rite does this."

San Francisco, California, was unanimously selected for the Triennial of 1915.

The General Grand Treasurer's balance and receipts amounted to \$23,199.10.

A fine engraving of the late General Grand Secretary, Christopher G. Fox, appears in this volume.

Companion Nelson Williams made an eloquent report on "Reports of General Grand Officers."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report was adopted, approved the decision of the General Grand High Priest, and made the following recommendation:

"Your Committee recommends that the Chapter organized at Manila in the Philippine Islands, known as Keystone Chapter, be declared to be an irregular body and that all Royal Arch Masons holding allegiance to this General Grand Body be prohibited from holding Masonic intercourse with all members thereof and further recommend that the organization of this Chapter in the territory of the United States which had already been occupied by a Chapter organized under the authorities of this General Grand Body be made a matter of diplomatic correspondence between our General Grand High Priest and the presiding officer of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland."

The General Grand Chapter made a happy selection in the choice of Companion Charles A. Conover, of Michigan, as successor to the lamented Christopher G. Fox in the office of General Grand Secretary.

On favorable report of the Committee on Correspondence, (of which our able, beloved and indefatigable Grand Secretary, George A. Beauchamp is Chairman), the Grand Chapter of Utah was received into the sisterhood of Grand Chapters.

A cordial invitation to visit San Francisco, and there hold the 36th Triennial of General Grand Chapter, R. A. M., September 1, 1913, was received from the President and Directors of the "Panama-Pacific Universal Exposition," which will take place at said time and place. Accepted with thanks.

Much interesting matter in these proceedings is necessarily omitted from this hurried review.

Comp. Bernard G. Witt, M. E., General Grand High Priest.

Comp. Charles A. Conover, R. E., General Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

Over the deficiencies of this Report our Companions are asked to spread the "Broad Mantle." If the Great I Am spares us to write another review, we will try to do better.

WILLIAM YATES TITCOMB.



NOTE:—Our dearly beloved and deeply lamented E. Companion William Y. Titcomb, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence since 1899, was called hence on the morning of Tuesday, December 23, 1913, at eight o'clock.

A fitting memorial will be prepared later.

GRAND SECRETARY.



NAMES AND NUMBERS OF CHAPTERS MAKING RETURNS.

With the Number of Members Returned, Amount of Dues paid to the Grand Chapter, and the number of those Advanced, Presided, Received and Accepted, Exalted, Affiliated, Reinstated, Died, Dimitted, Suspended and Expelled since last return.

Number.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	No. Members	Amt. of Dues Paid.	Advanced.	Presided.	Rec'd & Accepted	Exalted	Affiliated	Reinstated	Died	Dimitted	Suspended	Expelled.
1	Tuscaloosa ----	89	\$ 64.50	15	15	15	15	3	3	1	1	9	--
5	Eunomia† ----	29	19.50	2	2	2	2	1	--	--	--	--	--
10	Tuscumbia ----	34	25.50	2	2	2	2	--	--	1	1	--	--
12	Marion† ----	48	28.50	8	8	8	8	--	--	--	1	--	--
19	Mt. Moriah* ----	16	26.25	1	1	1	1	--	1	--	--	5	--
21	Mobile* ----	99	142.50	8	8	8	7	2	1	1	3	6	--
22	Montgomery ----	144	108.00	31	31	31	31	3	1	4	--	2	--
23	Talladega ----	68	51.00	15	15	15	15	2	1	3	2	3	--
24	Eufaula† ----	41	30.00	3	3	3	3	2	--	2	1	1	--
25	Courtland ----	13	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
26	Union ----	51	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	1	1	1	--
28	St. John's ----	92	--	12	12	12	12	3	--	--	3	--	--
34	Hermon ----	61	42.00	4	4	4	4	--	--	4	--	--	1
38	Decatur ----	109	78.00	13	9	9	9	3	4	1	--	9	--
40	Camden** ----	39	27.75	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
54	Tyrian† ----	104	72.00	8	8	8	8	--	1	4	5	--	--
56	Dadeville ----	89	63.50	8	8	8	8	--	--	--	1	--	--
57	Collinsville* ----	21	33.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	--
64	Central† ----	33	21.75	6	6	5	5	1	--	--	2	--	--
71	Landmark* ----	35	46.50	7	7	7	7	1	--	--	--	--	--
76	Elyton ----	18	--	7	7	7	6	12	--	--	--	--	--
79	Hillabee† ----	72	52.50	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	1	--	--
80	Myles J. Greene† ----	43	29.25	3	3	3	3	--	3	--	--	1	--
81	Jefferson ----	55	40.50	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	--
86	Coosa† ----	97	73.50	3	3	3	3	4	--	1	--	1	--
88	Springville ----	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	--
99	Ben Bricken† ----	45	32.25	--	--	--	--	1	--	2	--	--	--
100	Roanoke* ----	86	113.25	16	16	13	13	--	3	1	4	3	--
101	Mineral City ----	424	318.00	35	35	35	34	3	4	7	9	13	--
104	Sylacauga† ----	80	54.00	16	16	16	16	1	--	1	3	7	--
105	Anniston ----	97	--	14	10	8	12	3	1	2	1	3	--
106	Graham ----	56	40.50	--	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--
107	Ft. Payne** ----	16	22.50	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
108	Pratt City† ----	104	63.00	27	27	26	26	--	1	1	1	5	--
109	Blocton ----	28	21.00	--	--	--	--	--	2	2	1	2	--
110	Bessemer* ----	129	180.75	22	22	22	23	2	1	1	3	3	--
111	Piedmont ----	64	48.00	5	5	5	5	--	--	--	--	4	--
112	Brewton† ----	36	33.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	7	--
113	Dothan† ----	100	69.75	2	2	2	2	4	6	1	--	4	--

Number.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	No. Members	Amt. of Dues Paid.	Advanced.	Presided.	Rec'd & Accept.	Exalted	Affiliated	Reinstated	Died	Dimitted	Suspended	Expelled.
114	H. C. Armstrong	57	-----	13	13	13	13	---	---	---	1	17	---
115	Thomasville	30	-----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
116	Clanton†	57	\$45.75	6	6	7	6	---	---	---	2	8	---
117	Beauchamp	29	-----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
118	Jasper†	45	28.50	6	6	6	6	---	3	2	---	---	---
119	Jackson	56	39.00	12	12	12	13	3	---	1	2	---	---
120	Ensley†	134	87.75	28	28	28	27	1	3	2	6	6	---
122	Monroe*	18	27.75	2	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---
123	Covington†	47	34.50	2	2	2	2	---	---	---	---	---	---
124	Bladon Springs†	28	18.00	---	---	---	---	---	4	---	1	---	---
125	Coleanor†	24	18.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
126	Tallassee†	33	17.25	11	11	11	11	---	---	1	---	---	---
127	Evergreen†	40	30.75	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---
128	Heflin	30	-----	---	---	---	---	---	2	1	2	1	---
129	James E. Cobb†	35	24.00	3	3	3	3	---	---	---	---	---	---
130	Palmyra†	21	13.50	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
131	Cordova	65	48.75	7	7	7	7	2	---	1	2	14	---
132	Langdale†	32	24.00	3	3	3	3	---	1	---	3	1	---
134	Elba*	28	36.00	3	3	6	6	1	---	1	---	---	---
135	Floral†	62	45.75	4	4	4	4	---	---	1	1	1	---
136	Auburn	24	15.00	2	2	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---
137	Samson*	47	64.50	3	5	5	5	1	1	---	1	2	---
138	Columbia†	35	28.50	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	4	---
140	Hartselle†	25	18.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
141	Castleberry	42	31.50	3	3	3	3	1	---	1	---	---	---
142	Cherokee†	34	26.25	2	2	2	3	---	---	1	---	3	---
143	Delta*	26	41.50	2	2	2	2	---	---	---	---	5	---
144	James Penn	20	-----	2	2	1	1	2	---	1	5	---	---
145	Millport	38	-----	7	7	7	7	---	---	1	---	---	---
Total.....		3,943	\$2,836.50	415	410	400	403	63	47	65	70	156	2

*Dues paid for 1912 and 1913.

†Dues paid for 1912 only.

**Dues paid for 1911 only.

The annual returns have not been received from five (5) Chapters, as follows:

Courtland, No. 25.

Fort Payne, No. 107.

Palmyra, No. 130.

Thomasville, No. 115.

Beauchamp, No. 117.

We regret to say that we are therefore unable to give the correct membership of the five Chapters above named, and in making out this tabular statement we were compelled to estimate these Chapters to have the same membership that they had last year.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

MEMBERSHIP, OCTOBER 15, 1912..... 3,776

GAIN.

Exalted	403	
Affiliated	63	
Reinstated	47	513

LOSS.

Died	65	
Dimitted	70	
Suspended N. P. D.....	156	
Expelled	2	
Stricken from the Roll.....	40	
Errors	13	346

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PRESENT MEMBERSHIP 3,943

Chartered Chapters, 1912.....	67	
Charters restored, 1913.....	1	68

Charters forfeited, 1913..... 2

Chartered Chapters on the Roll, 1913.....	66
Number of Chapters represented.....	63
Number of Chapters making returns.....	63
Number of Chapters paying dues.....	60

CHAPTERS DELINQUENT FOR NOT MAKING RETURNS.

Courtland	No. 25
Fort Payne	No. 107

Thomasville	No. 115
Beauchamp	No. 117
Palmyra	No. 130

CHAPTERS DELINQUENT FOR NOT PAYING DUES.

Courtland	No. 25
Union	No. 26
Camden	No. 40
Fort Payne	No. 107
Brewton	No. 112
Thomasville	No. 115
Beauchamp	No. 117
Palmyra	No. 130

CHARTERS FORFEITED.

Fort Payne, No. 107. No dues paid for two successive years.
Beauchamp, No. 117. No dues paid for two successive years.

CHARTER RESTORED.

Elyton	No. 76
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EXALTED.

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: Charles E. Abbott, Cliff Atkinson, William B. Doughty, Neil B. Garrett, James Howard Hughes, Angus Alexander Hamilton, William T. McRimmon, George C. Merriam, Farley Maxwell, William T. Moseley, Robert J. Monette, Benjamin Frank Nicholls, William Weslie Powers, Oswald S. Spain, Christopher E. Williams.
- Eunomia No. 5: Charles O. Rolf, Walter M. Wellman.
- Tuscumbia No. 10: Frank W. L. Butters, Henry E. McBryde.
- Marion No. 12: Robert E. Baker, John C. Dew, Secors Lee, John Lockhart, Nicholas Boddie Mason, R. Welch Morrisette, J. Warren Pollard, Max Shiller.
- Mt. Moriah No. 19: Thomas Edgar Tibbs.
- Mobile No. 21: Louis J. Arbo, Henry C. Blanford, Emory L. Bullard, Edward M. Cunningham, Wade H. Graham, Richard M. Kendrick, Charles A. Pate.
- Montgomery No. 22: Isaac O. Anderson, Frank C. Alexander, Berryman G. Betty, Lee I. Betty, Theodore L. Bear, David J. Burns, Austin L. Brooks, Fred J. Cramton, Edwin W. Crenshaw, Charles A. Carroll, Lee Calloway, W. Harry Dunn, Joseph E. Daniels, Allie H. Eubanks, Milton Groocher, William W. Hill, Lowry H. Hall, Walter L. Ingram, Russell C. Knapp, Townes R. Leigh, Henry C. Meader, Walter P. Mullen, Philip B. Moss, Perry D. McLain, Byrd Pullum, Walter C. Perry, John R. Relfe, Jesse N. Rollo, Charles F. Swinney, Milliard Westcott, Owen F. Williams.
- Talladega No. 23: Knox H. Camp, Howard S. Cox, J. B. Converse, Newman W. Hubbard, Frank H. Hubbard, Manly R. Joiner, James C. Jones, Arthur L. Jones, F. Clark McAlpin, Liebeman K. Merkle, Edward D. Kimbell, Andrew J. Stapp, Howard F. Thomas, James R. Weisinger, Bishop B. Warrick.
- Eufaula No. 24: Charles F. Darnell, Crockett M. Gammage, Joseph F. Rhodes.
- St. John's No. 28: John C. Austin, Edward Barnes, William James Fulford, Eltrue A. Green, Robert Davis Hutchings, Francis William Hutchings, Frank L. Milhous, John

- Moffett, Edward Winston Pettus, William W. Quarles,
James M. Williams, James Oscar Young.
- Hermon No. 34: T. M. Francis, O. C. Lismon, H. C. Smith, C. L.
Waldrop.
- Decatur No. 38: Joseph C. Brumbelow, Walter Morris Chenault,
Walter Durham, James Fitzpatrick, James A. Hurst,
Joseph Thomas Nelson, Brents E. Preuit, Foster Hub-
bard Pointer, Walter F. Rauschenburg.
- Tyrian No. 54: Robert J. Bateman, Arthur Clifton Eiland, Arthur
B. Foster, Lawrence L. Gellerstedt, L. Franklin Jones,
T. R. Searcy, F. C. Blackman, John Windham.
- Dadeville No. 56: John B. Acree, Thomas Chester Acree, Thomas
C. Downing, Louis Hall, William A. McCarty, Wilbur
H. Oliver, J. Leeman Umphress, Emil Vogeley.
- Central No. 64: James Wilson Bandy, Grady Garland Cleveland,
George A. Coleman, Burr Nabors, Jr., Edward Houston
Wills.
- Landmark No. 71: Joseph H. Adams, Edgar P. Kidd, James E.
Laney, Alex B. McLeod, Ellis M. Snell, Albert L. Town-
send, Louis E. Wells.
- Elyton No. 76: John M. Dupuy, Eli S. Farr, B. R. E. Lee, Fred
Rodenbeck, Llewellyn H. Salter, Charles W. Worrell.
- Myles J. Greene No. 80: J. E. Cobb, Henry Dickinson, W. R. Wil-
liams.
- Coosa No. 86: Joseph F. Champion, George W. Eckles, Lillius B.
Rainey.
- Roanoke No. 100: Alfred Jeffers Aubrey, Robert Lee Brumbelow,
James M. Edwards, Edgar M. Glenn, George Green,
Frank M. Hornsby, Don B. Long, James T. Lane, Thomas
H. Rodney, Edward B. Sharmon, James A. Walls, Wins-
ton Theo. Wood, James Milton Zachry.
- Mineral City No. 101: Albert Edward Beesley, Samuel Morgan
Blake, Earl Alfred Blampin, Jesse Frank Bragan, Oma
Walker Bragan, William Wallace Bradbury, Easley
John Blackwood, Harry Carlton Crelly, Edward Rivers
Copeland, John Calman, David Jackson Davis, Willard
Drake, James Hunter Edmundson, Herman William
Fisch, Claud Walter Green, Cary Otto Gilmore, Samuel
Houston Harris, Percival Edward Hughes, Rex Ray-

mond Hollis, Samuel Benjamin Klippelt, Stiles Ray Lowry, Francis Bacon Latady, Ernest Edward Matthews, James Richmond McGregor, John Harley McNeal, William Young Prince, Benjamin Franklin Rucks, John Andrew Roth, Green Hampton Smith, Walter Frederick Shillito, William Jefferson Thomaston, Angus Macey Taylor, Albert Patton Wells, William Florin Wrye.

Sylacauga No. 104: William B. Lessly, Golson C. Jones, Thomas McG. Roberts, J. D. Andrews, John F. Gholson, Columbus C. Atkinson, Hymen Goldberg, George Bloise Hill, J. L. Lucas, Morris Crumpler, Wade H. Brannon, Henry Witkonsky, Horace C. Denton, Daniel O. Dysen, James Robert Waldrop, John S. Robinson.

Anniston No. 105: James M. Bowman, William A. Darden, Ambrose J. Jones, H. M. Martin, Charles M. Stay, Thomas L. Smith, Alvis Williams, W. Cooper Whiteside, Hugh Walker, Mark J. Williams, Newton Wilson, Richard C. Young.

Pratt City No. 108: Albert Green Batey, William M. Brown, William M. Capps, James A. Capps, H. C. Courtney, William Doeherty, Walter C. Dean, Ira C. Dalrymple, H. J. Ferrell, A. J. Fiqueth, William C. Gentry, Abe Goldstein, James Chris Hartsfield, S. A. Lockart, J. E. Lacey, W. J. Moses, James M. McHugh, John Turner Phillips, James William Robertson, W. H. Sterling, Charles H. Sloan, James R. Thomas, Lovic Edison Waddell, Christian H. Wildermette, Joseph Allison Walker, Lemuel Wittgenstein.

Bessemer No. 110: Daniel M. Burgin, Jeff D. Boyd, William E. Cunningham, Selby T. Clotfelder, James T. DeJarnette, Hugh M. DeJarnette, Mims DeJarnette, John P. DeJarnette, Harry H. Hall, Harrison B. Huff, Joseph L. Keeton, Robert Love, B. E. Lee, William D. Lanier, William C. Merritt, Benjamin E. Purser, John H. Phelps, Henry F. Perkins, David B. Spain, Sandy Ty-singer, Josephus Vines, Thomas P. Winburn, Donald O. Worthy.

- Piedmont No. 111: William Coleman, James Cherry, James C. Lay, Jr., Joseph C. McCraghen, James Rankin.
- Dothan No. 113: William Ivey Pittman, John Mercer Reeves.
- H. Clay Armstrong No. 114: Joseph Curtis Boone, Barney Dis-
muke, George H. Gullett, Walter B. Hutto, Samuel H.
Henry, Edward M. Kelley, Talmage C. Long, John B.
Lokey, Thomas C. Propst, Walter D. Putnam, William
W. Stallworth, William T. Studdard, B. Eli Thornton.
- Clanton No. 116: Charles E. Gullledge, William E. Hamilton, James
R. Harris, Peyton T. Hinkle, James S. Sutherland, Pey-
ton C. Wilson.
- Jasper No. 118: Robert James Redden, Joseph A. Goodwin, Wilburn
Manasco, Henry Sprott Love, Elvin Hunt Clem, Joseph
J. Grace.
- Jackson No. 119: John R. Armistead, Frank Abbott, Bertram E.
Bibby, John Winters Calhoun, Jesse P. Chapman, Ship-
worth Coole, James M. Deas, Horace L. Graham, Lewis
N. Malone, William Z. Rodgers, Albert E. Shafer, James
W. Watson, Eustace M. McLeod.
- Ensley No. 120: Morris Meyer Blair, Charles Johnson Donald, Ed-
ward Weed Fruitticher, Addison Chatley Hazen, Walter
A. Hiram, Antonio Victor Janett, Frederick Conger
Johnson, Evan John Jones, Harold Homer Knight, Chris
Maugg, William McKail, Ural Nixon, Ray Osborn,
Charles R. Patton, Richard H. Shaddick, Henry Wil-
liamson Sparks, Samuel Spring, Frederick Maynell
Sturgess, Herbert M. Troutman, Henry Dryden Tyson,
Daniel B. White, Earl W. Wood, George Finley, George
W. Swann, George Sneyde, Samuel Burwell Fort, Leon-
ard Pope.
- Covington No. 123: William P. Gantt, Oscar J. Smith.
- Tallassee No. 126: H. G. Ashurst, H. K. Bailey, F. L. Bowen, P. R.
Dubberly, J. T. Hubbard, P. T. Henderson, C. S. Ruf-
fin, W. H. Thomas, W. S. Wright, W. M. Weston, J. D.
Ward.
- James E. Cobb No. 129: Green B. Edwards, Coley R. Heard, Walter
Lee Porter.

- Cordova No. 131: John F. Barganier, Noah Garden, Maynard G. Hubbard, Frank A. Johnson, Erastus H. Tubb, Samuel W. Vann, Reno S. Villadsen.
- Langdale No. 132: J. J. Crowder, J. M. Haile, H. V. Shearer.
- Elba No. 134: William Singleton Davis, Andrew Jackson Hudson, James Lewis Larkins, Jefferson Lamar McGehee, John Gordon Phillips, William Whitfield Sanders.
- Floral No. 135: Alex Campbell, W. L. Gordon, G. F. Petrey, J. M. Roberson.
- Auburn No. 136: Joseph Cohen.
- Samson No. 137: James R. Gentry, George D. Gentry, William J. Miles, Daniel B. Miles, Washington L. Preachers.
- Castleberry No. 141: Thomas R. J. Albreast, David L. Long, Allen T. Weaver.
- Cherokee No. 142: Asa B. Carnes, W. A. Sewell, T. J. Doves.
- Delta No. 143: Thomas J. Dulin, James S. Gay.
- James Penn No. 144: H. V. Weaver.
- Millport No. 145: Don A. Alexander, Robert F. Conner, Rufus E. Falkner, Franklin M. Howell, William C. Johnson, Brantley J. Loftis, Dempsey W. Ward.

AFFILIATED.

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: Hugo L. Beiterman, Walter A. Conaway, Theodore T. Kendrick.
- Eunomia No. 5: Oscar Dreger.
- Mobile No. 21: Louis J. Adler, Thomas M. Curry.
- Montgomery No. 22: Barnes B. Cleaton, Frank P. Morgan, Oscar P. Speigel.
- Talladega No. 23: William E. Henkle, C. R. Watkins.
- Eufaula No. 24: Louis L. Hammond, Cliff A. Locke.
- Union No. 26: Joseph E. James.
- St. John's No. 28: James H. Gaston, Eugene Parvin, George L. Wallace.
- Decatur No. 38: Marion S. Bingham, Samuel Spielburger, Robert I. Walston.
- Central No. 64: Walter Tatum.
- Landmark No. 71: W. Frank Monk.
- Elyton No. 76: Roy E. Osborn, Daniel B. White, Earl W. Word.
- Coosa No. 86: J. Robert Vance, Carl W. Jones, Daniel U. Burgin, William O. Hullett.
- Ben Bricken No. 99: Schuyler G. Boyd.
- Roanoke No. 100: Benjamin F. Hudson, Charles G. Rodgers, William T. Williams.
- Mineral City No. 101: Robert Lee Lacy, Robert E. Lee, George Smith O'Bear.
- Sylacauga No. 104: Louis F. Pamsh.
- Anniston No. 105: Edgar A. Egbert, Thomas L. Graham, C. Worth Whiteside.
- Bessemer No. 110: William L. Kennedy, John W. Martin.
- Dothan No. 113: W. B. Farrow, L. H. Harper, Josiah Renfro, William P. Skelton.
- Jackson No. 119: Shockley A. Adams, Arthur E. Rogers, Walter S. Rodgers.
- Jackson No. 119: Charles Buck.
- Cordova No. 131: C. G. Fry, William A. Turner, Jr.
- Elba No. 134: Saul Paschtein.
- Samson No. 137: Chalmers M. Stevens.
- Castleberry No. 141: Elisha Downing, Jr.
- James Penn No. 144: R. L. Page, Samuel P. West.

REINSTATED.

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: Pelham D. Brown, Samuel H. Card, W. F. Paul.
Mt. Moriah No. 19: L. A. Lavender.
Mobile No. 21: Isaac F. Bilbro.
Montgomery No. 22: Benj. S. Chapman.
Talladega No. 23: R. J. Fulbright.
Decatur No. 38: Charles E. Malone, Frederick L. Proctor, J. William Wyker, John D. Wyker.
Tyrlian No. 54: William H. Murphree, Sr.
Myles J. Greene No. 80: Paul H. Allen, L. M. Cooper, E. J. Tucker.
Roanoke No. 100: Benjamin F. Hudson, Charles G. Rogers, William T. Williams.
Mineral City No. 101: James Fitts Hawkins, Ernest Fountain Rowley, Frank Ford Snedecor, Joseph Robert Vance.
Anniston No. 105: John Mees.
Pratt City No. 108: Charles D. Comstock.
Blocton No. 109: Robert E. Davis, Philip Odess.
Bessemer No. 110: Amos Lucas.
Dothan No. 113: Jesse J. Dennison, R. Henry Folmar, Benj. O. Hay, Henry P. Nichols, Fred Phenix, Walter E. Pate.
Jasper No. 118: Peyton Norvell, George W. Ham, Porter King Tate.
Ensley No. 120: A. L. Arnold, F. E. Porter, William Barr.
Bladon Springs No. 124: W. E. Young, J. H. Edgar, I. B. Morris, Mack Pinkerton.
Heflin No. 128: Tyree Idus Landers, William R. Stricklen.
Langdale No. 132: John H. Reed.
Samson No. 137: John H. Burtnette.

DIMITTED.

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: William Cannon.
Tuscumbia No. 10: James C. Harris.
Marion No. 12: Ezra D. Patton.
Mobile No. 21: Isaac F. Bilbro, William J. E. Cox, Sam J. Hahn.
Talladega No. 23: W. O. Massey, A. P. Wates.
Eufaula No. 24: Joseph A. Klarpp.
Union No. 26: Charles B. Boyles.
St. John's No. 28: James M. Donald, Bernard Gruenstein, Lewis Randall.
Tyrian No. 54: Alonzo B. Metcalf, Saul Paschtein, Charles A. Rush, George H. Smith, William T. Steger.
Dadeville No. 56: Mylus J. Slaughter.
Central No. 64: Walter Willis Lee, Jones Alexander Moore.
Roanoke No. 100: Marion S. Bingham, Benj. F. Hudson, John A. Shankland, Milton J. Ussery.
Mineral City No. 101: Herman Alber, Francis Asbury Hewitt, Mayo Holloway, Charles J. Lowman, Charles L. Stickney, Oscar Pendleton Spiegel, James Albert Tussey, Joseph Robert Vance, William Edward Wailes.
Sylacauga No. 104: H. L. Beiterman, Walter A. Conaway, Morris V. Walker.
Anniston No. 105: C. W. Henson.
Pratt City No. 108: John J. Hanlin.
Blocton No. 109: T. T. Kendrick.
Bessemer No. 110: Daniel B. Burgin, Samuel P. West, Robert Wildmith.
H. Clay Armstrong No. 114: Posey L. Yerby.
Clanton No. 116: W. M. Olive, R. J. Mills.
Jackson No. 119: John W. Fluker, Clarence C. Pritchett.
Ensley No. 120: William Barr, George Grissett, John M. Martin, Ray Osborn, Daniel B. White, Earle Wood.
Bladon Springs No. 124: William A. Turner, Jr.
Heflin No. 128: Franklin Perryman Walker, Joseph Sims.
Cordova No. 131: Levi W. Earnest, Louis S. Harbin.
Langdale No. 132: F. F. Ambuhl, James Escott, John H. Reed.
Floralda No. 135: B. F. Luttrell.
Samson No. 137: Zachariah R. Fuller.
James Penn No. 144: Walter J. Clark, T. S. Cowan, Charles L. Smith, Y. B. Vanderford, James J. Woodall.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: John B. Anders, A. Battle Bealle, Charles T. Corwin, J. D. Guyton, Archibald Hood, W. J. Hubbard, A. A. Kirk, Benjamin Towne Leland, Thomas S. McDairmid.
- Mt. Moriah No. 19: John W. Cook, Alex Hafner, Jr., C. E. Williams, E. C. Meredith, Jr., Edward Wilson.
- Mobile No. 21: Albert D. Bloch, Nick Kirby, William T. McGowin, Jerry J. Newell, Elliott G. Rickarby, Charles L. Schweizer.
- Montgomery No. 22: Charles H. Kruger, William H. Tice.
- Talladega No. 23: William C. Dean, Daniel B. Harris, Robert S. West.
- Eufaula No. 24: Joseph L. Jones.
- Union No. 26: William M. Neely.
- Decatur No. 38: Andrew R. Marshall, Frank C. Brown, E. Wheaton Crittendon, Ivan E. Daly, Harold L. Hildreth, Fred Walton Hurston, John M. Minor, Hugh H. McConnell, Conrad Strickland.
- Myles J. Greene No. 80: E. L. Boone.
- Jefferson No. 81: George H. McKee, Gilbert M. Newhouse, Samuel G. Woolf, Rotha B. Walker.
- Roanoke No. 100: Hiram Els Hester, Charles G. Rogers, William T. Williams.
- Mineral City No. 101: Bunyan Graves Alverson, Acton Redgrave Boone, William C. Bryant, Daniel Arthur Greene, Thomas Roland Leach, Will Love, Jonathan M. Lawler, Coke Smith Matthews, H. Eugene Mitchell, Alfred Jackson Massey, Jr., Moses Eugene Roy, Horace Perkins Wilkins, George Edson Wallace.
- Sylacauga No. 104: A. D. Bentley, L. H. Hilger, G. W. Herd, Hewett Johnson, W. I. Rayfield, Taul B. White, Solon G. Hughes.
- Anniston No. 105: George W. Benton, Ernest C. Dickinson, R. B. Roy.
- Pratt City No. 108: J. T. Massengale, Carl Devers, Walter A. Weed, Perry C. Vann, Henry T. Mills.

- Blocton No. 109: Samuel C. Moore, Frank Petrasek.
- Bessemer No. 110: Thomas Y. Hall, William I. Norris, Bolivia L. Davis.
- Piedmont No. 111: J. Henry Ables, Raleigh H. Savage, James T. Vandeford, James Courson.
- Brewton No. 112: James A. Fuller, John H. Fuller, William J. Holland, William G. Martin, John B. O'Bannon, John Purifoy, Menzo P. Watson.
- Dothan No. 113: W. T. Gissedaner, William H. Grant, Thomas W. Bulter, Gordon W. Smith.
- H. Clay Armstrong No. 114: Will A. Aston, William Bolton, Snow Cannon, James R. Fullerton, Robert Guin, Thomas V. Hill, Richard Hayes, John T. Huffstutler, Alexander Hutchinson, Tolly N. Jones, Benjamin G. Jones, Ashley B. Metcalf, Francis M. Norris, William K. Simpson, J. Frank Smith, Andrew J. Treadaway, Daniel A. Young.
- Clanton No. 116: James S. Bone, John H. Cox, John W. Guin, J. Harrison Houldrech, W. W. Monrow, Jacob Y. Propst, R. P. Richardson, William J. Mims.
- Ensley No. 120: E. T. Fields, James C. Jackson, Walter Ray Knapp, R. F. Richardson, Joseph Scholl, C. E. Zuber.
- Monroe No. 122: Hilliard J. Coxwell.
- Heflin No. 128: Angus J. McEachern.
- Cordova No. 131: John Adams, Richard C. Bush, D. M. Davis, William J. Dunn, R. B. Fore, Watkins A. George, William Hendrix, Berry G. Horton, Morriston Hutto, Frank T. Lantrip, William J. Owens, E. B. Redus, John T. Rose, Mack O. Travis.
- Langdale No. 132: S. B. Terry.
- Floralia No. 135: Troy C. Penton.
- Samson No. 137: James L. Lewis, James T. Weeks.
- Columbia No. 138: H. Clifford McDonald, Hamilton G. Purcell, J. Edward Searcy, George C. Gilford.
- Cherokee No. 142: M. C. Smith, S. G. Carden.
- Delta No. 143: George M. Fuller, James D. Knight, Berton Ferrell, James H. Polk, William N. Wright.

SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

Coosa No. 86: J. Adler Collier.

Cherokee No. 142: Robert Ingram.

EXPELLED.

Hermon No. 34: William T. Hough.

Pratt City No. 108: T. A. Almon (Mark Master.)

Hartselle No. 140: S. Edward Stewart.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD

- Tuscaloosa No. 1: George Delaney, Aug. 29, 1913, aged 53 years.
- Tuscumbia No. 10: John B. Moody, Oct. 10, 1913, aged 38 years.
- Mobile No. 21: James C. Snively, April 20, 1913, aged 48 years.
- Montgomery No. 22: David J. Burns, Dec. 4, 1912, aged 43 years; Welcome E. Haygood, Jan. 4, 1913, aged 70 years; William Wallace Screws, Aug. 8, 1913, aged 75 years; William A. May, Oct. 3, 1913, aged 55 years.
- Talladega No. 23: Robert P. Henderson, Oct. 3, 1913, aged 76 years; James C. Lanier, Oct. 22, 1912, aged 66 years; E. S. Swift, Nov. 7, 1912, aged 48 years.
- Eufaula No. 24: James M. Barr, Sept. 7, 1913, aged 80 years; Hiram Hawkins, July 27, 1913, aged 87 years.
- Union No. 26: Sampson Fried, May 20, 1913, aged 68 years.
- Hermon No. 34: A. W. Beverly, Nov. 6, 1912, aged 76 years; A. W. Lawson, Oct. 18, 1912, aged 40 years; F. M. Moseley, Dec. 27, 1912, aged 68 years; J. W. Wright, March 28, 1913, aged 52 years.
- Decatur No. 38: William A. Frost, Jr., March 7, 1913, aged 30 years.
- Tyrian No. 54: John Samuel Carroll, July 28, 1912, aged 58 years; Joshua S. Copeland, Nov. 15, 1912, aged 68 years; Thomas F. Murphree, July 5, 1913, aged 53 years; James M. Henderson, Aug. 31, 1912, aged 68 years.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD

Collinsville No. 57: Rufus Nicholson, May 11, 1912, aged 80 years; DeWitt C. Williams, June 22, 1913, aged 75 years.

Hillabee No. 79: Wiley P. Graham, William A. Hallaway.

Coosa No. 86: Charles B. Williams, Mar. 5, 1913, aged 38 years.

Springville No. 88: John W. Lawly, Darius Smith, July 22, 1913.

Ben Bricken No. 99: David B. Mothershed, William A. Rodgers, Jan. 2, 1913.

Roanoke No. 100: Elbert Watt Hill, Mar. 9, 1913, aged 46 years.

Mineral City No. 101: Jay Edwin Budwig, July 27, 1913, aged 43 years; Augustus J. Camp, Dec. 20, 1912, aged 42 years; Charles Drennen, June 3, 1913, aged 68 years; David J. Fox, May 18, 1913, aged 57 years; James Madison Felder, Dec. 7, 1912, aged 45 years; James Louis Honeycutt, Dec. 9, 1912, aged 45 years; Everett Shepherd, April 19, 1913, aged 41 years; Charles Mercer Sturgis, Mar. 24, 1913, aged 69 years.

Sylacauga No. 104: James M. Lanning, Sept. 1, 1913, aged 88 years.

Anniston No. 105: Guy H. Bailey, July 3, 1913, aged 32 years; J. Fred Landt, June 5, 1913, aged 65 years.

Graham No. 106: L. Tally Law, Dec. 10, 1912, aged 59 years.

Pratt City No. 108: William Francis Lyon, July 8, 1913, aged 54 years.

Blocton No. 109: Samuel Hartley, Jan. 28, 1913, aged 67 years; Francis M. Woods, Sept. 13, 1913, aged 67 years.

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD

- Bessemer No. 110: John D. Hanby, Feb. 27, 1913.
Brewton No. 112: William H. Abernethy.
Dothan No. 113: Ages B. Scott, Feb. 22, 1913, aged 31 years.
Jasper No. 118: John W. Davis, April 2, 1913, aged 48 years; Jack S. Moore, April 10, 1913, aged 48 years.
Jackson No. 119: William H. Fluker, Sept. 11, 1913, aged 77 years.
Ensley No. 120: Robert T. McLeod, Mar. 22, 1913, aged 57 years; George L. Scott, Nov. 25, 1912, aged 30 years.
Tallassee No. 126: W. H. Healey, Dec. 20, 1912, aged 60 years.
Evergreen No. 127: Yale Max Long, Dec. 2, 1912, aged 35 years.
Heflin No. 128: Wilson P. Howell, Dec. 6, 1912, aged 82 years.
Cordova No. 131: James I. Odom, May 5, 1913, aged 78 years.
Elba No. 134: Isaiah M. Dubose, Aug. 25, 1913, aged 60 years.
Floralda No. 135: James R. Shepherd, April 18, 1913, aged 40 years.
Columbia No. 138: Andrew J. Armstrong, Oct. 19, 1912, aged 77 years.
Castleberry No. 141: John Barnes, Mar. 9, 1913, aged 63 years.
Cherokee No. 142: T. J. Davis, May 15, 1913.
James Penn No. 144: Michael Stacy Kennedy, Nov. 5, 1912, aged 30 years.
Millport No. 145: John Gillian, July 26, 1913, aged 32 years.

In Memoriam

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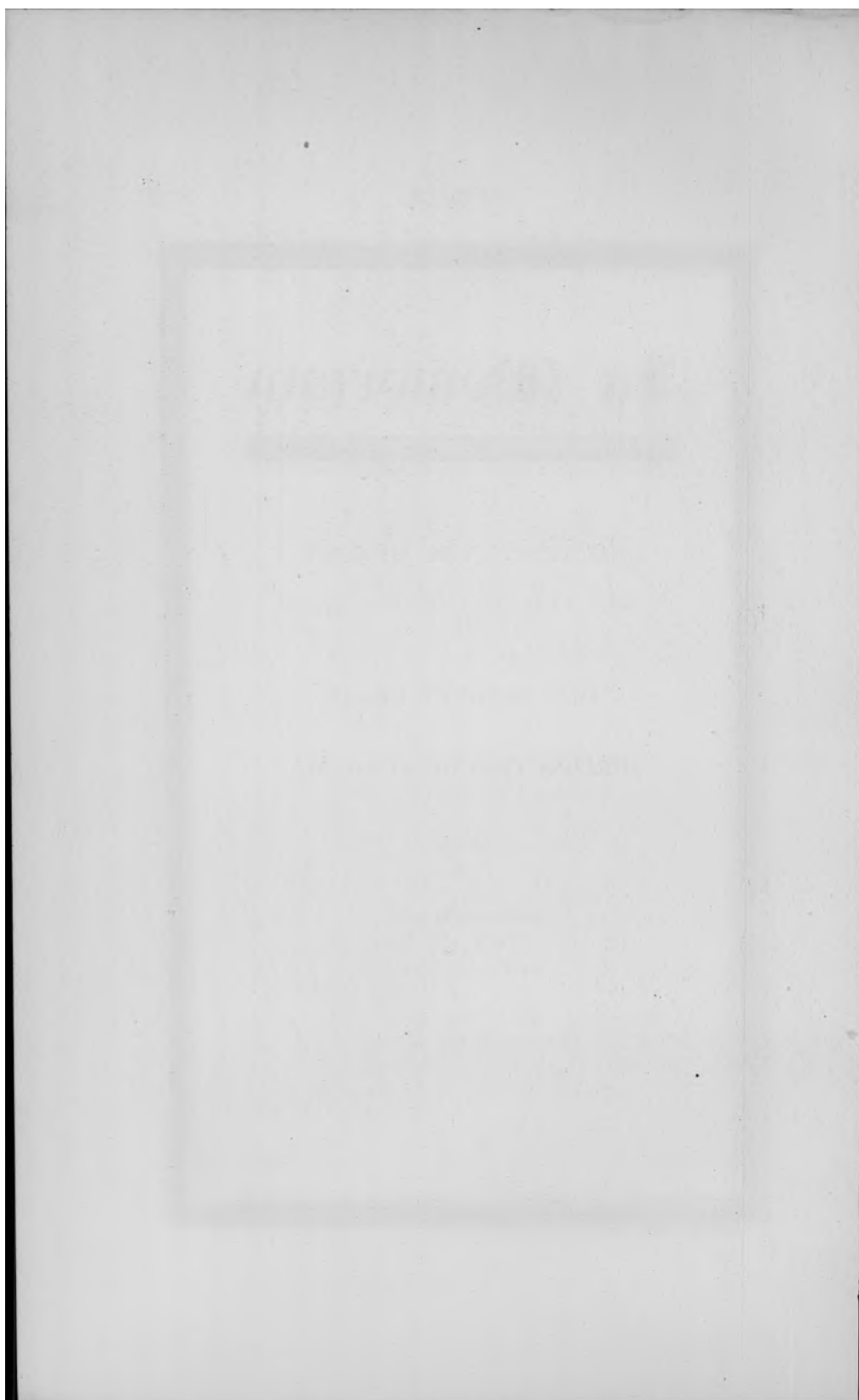
OF

OUR BELOVED DEAD

JURISDICTION OF ALABAMA

1913

"They're passing away, these dear old friends,
Like leaves on the current cast;
With never a break in the rapid flow
We watch them as one by one they go.
Into the beautiful past."



In Memoriam

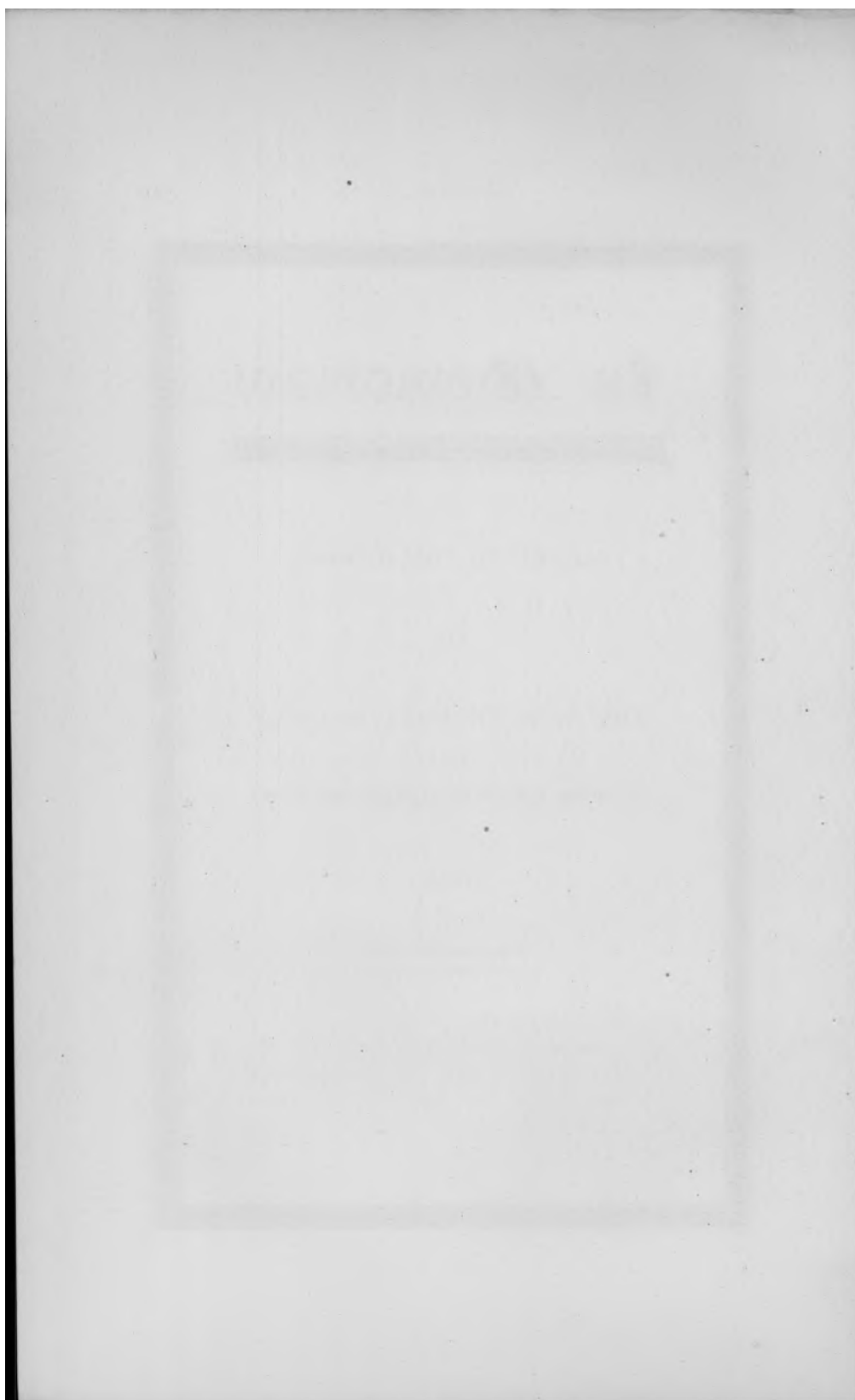
WILLIAM WALLACE SCREWS

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Born February 25, 1839

Died August 7, 1913

Without fear and without reproach.

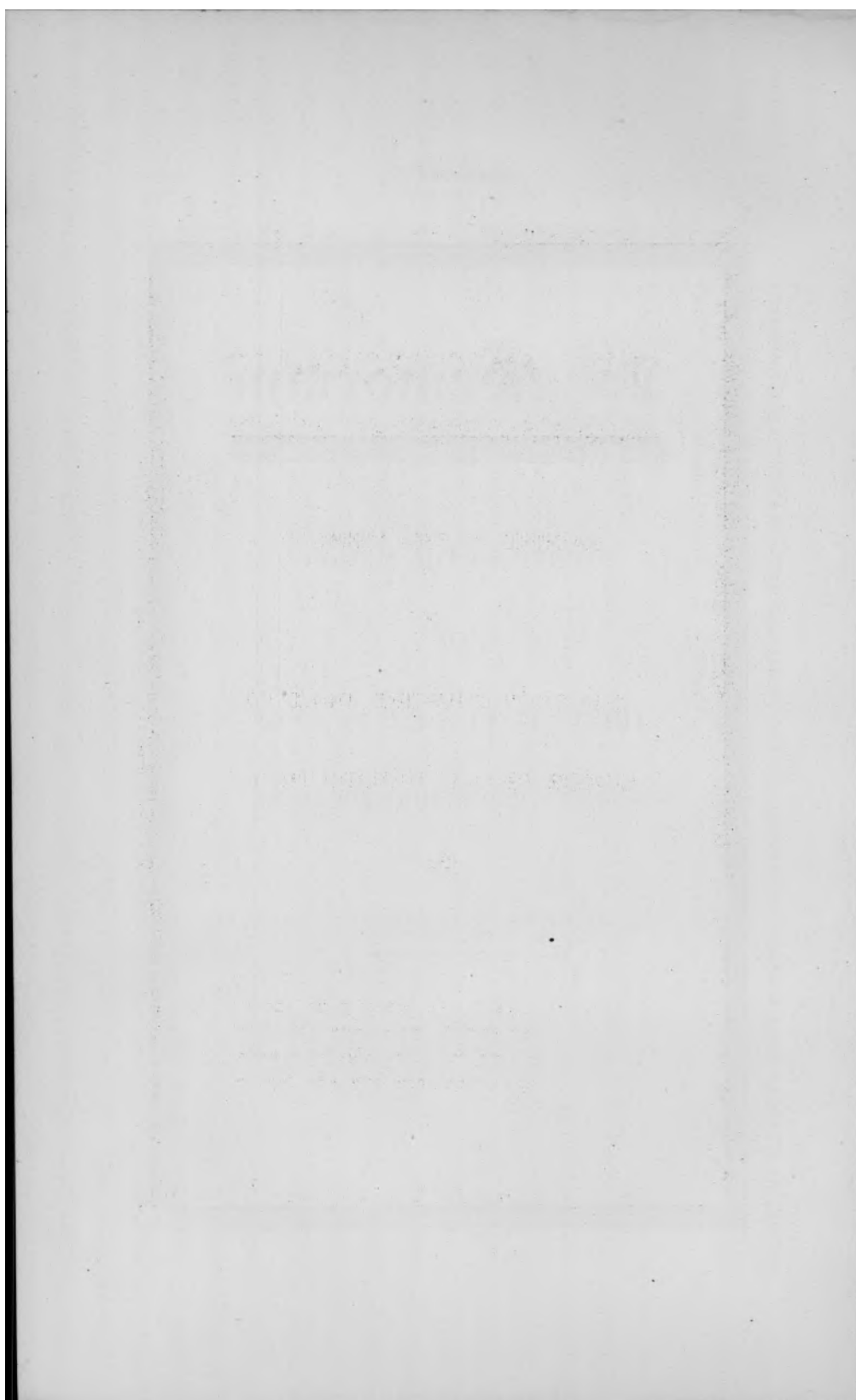


In Memoriam

SACRED TO THE MEMORY
OF
THE DISTINGUISHED DEAD OF
SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

1913

"So may it be, perchance, where down the tide
Our dear ones vanish—peacefully they glide
On level seas, nor mark the unknown bound,
We call it death; to them 'tis life beyond."



REGISTER OF CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

Name.	Location.	County.	High Priest.	Secretary.	Sec'y's Address.	Convocation.
1 Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	Frank W. Meeds	Andrew F. Prince	Tuscaloosa	2 Friday.
5 Eunomia	Huntsville	Madison	James L. Kendall	Henry S. Bradford	Huntsville	4 Tuesday.
10 Tusculumbia	Tuscumbia	Colbert	James E. Keenan	Charles H. King	Sheffield	1 Monday.
12 Marion	Marion	Perry	H. Clayton Howze	Edgar E. Howell	Marion	1 Tuesday.
19 Mt. Moriah	Eutaw	Greene	Anand P. Smith	James I. Lanford	Eutaw	2 Friday.
21 Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	Mims R. Baker	Charles S. Shawhan	Mobile	2 and 4 Friday.
22 Montgomery	Montgomery	Montgomery	S. E. Washburn	David W. Crossland	Montgomery	2 Tuesday.
23 Talladega	Talladega	Talladega	Wm. L. Northern	James H. Rogers	Talladega	2 Friday.
24 Eufaula	Eufaula	Barbour	Seth Mabry	James P. Hill	Eufaula	1 and 3 Thursday.
25 Courtland	Town Creek	Lawrence	John C. Giddens	J. M. Houston	Town Creek	3 Tuesday.
26 Union	Uniontown	Perry	John B. Christian	Junie Harwood	Uniontown	1 Thursday.
28 St. John's	Selma	Dallas	Henry F. Reese, Jr	Walter H. Trimby	Selma	4 Monday.
34 Hermon	Union Springs	Bullock	L. M. Moseley	Morgan W. Johnston	Union Springs	1 and 3 Tuesday.
38 Decatur	New Decatur	Morgan	Wm. P. Fogarty	Andrew B. Harvey	New Decatur	4 Tuesday.
40 Camden	Camden	Wilcox	James C. Benson	Solomon D. Bloch	Camden	3 Wednesday.
54 Tyrian	Troy	Pike	Chas. A. Simpson	Robert F. Powell	Troy	2 and 4 Friday.
56 Dadeville	Dadeville	Tallapoosa	Robert T. Ward	Wm. C. Roock	Dadeville	2 Fri. and 4 Thurs.
57 Collinsville	Collinsville	DeKalb	Solon E. Heard	Rial A. Burt	Colbran	1 Friday.
64 Central	Montevallo	Shelby	E. S. Lyman	W. H. Lyman	Montevallo	1 Tuesday.
71 Landmark	Ozark	Dale	Leonidas W. Kolb	Berry P. Garner	Ozark	2 Tuesday.
76 Elyton	Elyton	Jefferson	Horace J. Salter		Birmingham	2 and 4 Tuesday.
79 Hillabee	Alexander City	Tallapoosa	R. L. Nolen	Newton S. Walker	Alexander City	1 Monday.
80 Myles J. Greene	Opelika	Lee	J. W. Fore	Geo. E. Clower	Opelika	1 Tuesday.
81 Jefferson	Demopolis	Marengo	Jacob Bley	Joseph I. Lee	Demopolis	1 and 3 Monday.
86 Coosa	Gadsden	Etowah	H. L. Ison	W. J. Beggs	Gadsden	1 and 3 Tuesday.
88 Springville	Springville	St. Clair	Jas. L. Herring	Edw. W. McCleendon	Springville	3 Tuesday.

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99	Ben Bricken	Luverne	Crenshaw	Chas. R. Bricken	John T. Ivey	Luverne	2 and 4 Tuesday.
100	Roanoke	Roanoke	Randolph	J. W. Hooper	Adolphus C. Brannen	Roanoke	1 and 3 Tuesday.
101	Mineral City	Birmingham	Jefferson	John Biddle	Chas. J. Geobegan	Birmingham	2 and 4 Thursday.
104	Sylacauga	Sylacauga	Talladega	M. E. Conaway	Thos. McG. Roberts	Sylacauga	2 and 4 Thursday.
105	Anniston	Anniston	Calhoun	David R. Murphy	Benj. R. Sawyer	Anniston	2 and 4 Friday.
106	Graham	Graham	Randolph	J. E. Thomson	John A. Smith	Graham	1 Saturday.
108	Pratt City	Pratt City	Jefferson	John C. Fason	D. Eugene Cook	Pratt City	1 and 3 Tuesday.
109	Blocton	Blocton	Bibb	Yancey S. Smith	George Archer	Hargrove	4 Monday.
110	Bessemer	Bessemer	Jefferson	Andrew C. Mitchell	Samuel Stein	Bessemer	2 and 4 Thursday.
111	Piedmont	Piedmont	Calhoun	John N. Vansant	James C. Lay, Jr.	Piedmont	Thurs. bf 2 Sunday.
112	Brewton	Brewton	Escambia	Theo. F. May	Levi P. Weaver	Brewton	3 Tuesday.
113	Dothan	Dothan	Houston	Chester W. Newton	L. G. Biggers	Dothan	2 and 4 Friday.
114	H. C. Armstrong	Fayette	Fayette	George W. Coggin	J. Newton Collins	Fayette	1 Monday.
115	Thomasville	Thomasville	Clarke	Wm. R. K. Mayton	Jesse J. Bozeman	Clarke	Fri. bf. 1 Saturday.
116	Clanton	Clanton	Chilton	H. T. Pipes	J. Watts Moore	Clanton	3 Saturday.
118	Jasper	Jasper	Walker	Frank A. Gamble	Moses Newberger	Jasper	1 and 3 Tuesday.
119	Jackson	Jackson	Clarke	D. Adams, Jr.	Marshall W. Cravey	Jackson	2 Thursday.
120	Ensley	Ensley	Jefferson	E. B. Mays	William T. Cochran	Ensley	2, 4 and 5 Monday.
122	Monroe	Monroe	Monroe	Q. Salter	John B. Barnett	Monroe	Tuesday bf. 2 Sunday.
123	Covington	Andalusia	Covington	Z. D. Studstill	Richard H. Jones	Andalusia	1 and 3 Wednesday.
124	Bladen Springs	Gilbertown	Choctaw	H. A. Powe	Samuel Alman	Gilbertown	Thurs. bf 3 Friday.
125	Coleman	Centerville	Bibb	John P. Melvin	Benj. F. Farrar	Centerville	2 Monday.
126	Tallassee	Tallassee	Elmore	W. H. Thomas	J. T. Jarman	East Tallassee	1 and 3 Saturday.
27	Evergreen	Evergreen	Concuh	Henry A. Shields	Frank J. Dean	Evergreen	3 Friday.
28	Heflin	Heflin	Cleburne	Jefferson D. Duke	John F. Campbell	Heflin	Thurs. before 2 Sunday.
29	James E. Cobb	Tuskegee	Macon	John R. Curry	Oscar S. Lewis	Tuskegee	2 Monday.

130 Palmyra	-----	Marshall	-----	Oliver D. Street	-----	Andrew D. Thorne	-----	Guntersville	-----	Fri. bef. F. M. & 2 wks. af
131 Cordova	-----	Walker	-----	Green S. Elliott	-----	J. W. Morris	-----	Cordova	-----	2 and 4 Monday.
132 Langdale	-----	Chambers	-----	W. L. Waller	-----	Chas. S. Allred	-----	Langdale	-----	1 and 3 Thursday.
134 Elba	-----	Coffee	-----	Dallas P. Lee	-----	J. W. Pendrey	-----	Elba	-----	4 Friday.
135 Florala	-----	Covington	-----	R. G. Hoover	-----	W. V. Jones	-----	Florala	-----	2 and 4 Friday.
136 Auburn	-----	Lee	-----	C. L. Hare	-----	James W. Brooks	-----	Auburn	-----	3 Monday.
137 Samson	-----	Geneva	-----	Asa Holloway	-----	C. L. C. Atkeson	-----	Samson	-----	2 & 4 Wednesday.
138 Columbia	-----	Houston	-----	N. J. Oakley	-----	Andrew A. Oden	-----	Columbia	-----	2 and 4 Tuesday.
140 Hartselle	-----	Morgan	-----	James L. Draper	-----	Jesse F. Allbreast	-----	Hartselle	-----	2 and 4 Monday.
141 Castleberry	-----	Conecuh	-----	J. W. Thurmond	-----	Wm. C. Cobb	-----	Castleberry	-----	4 Saturday.
142 Cherokee	-----	Cherokee	-----	Thomas Bradford	-----	Thos. K. Miller	-----	Centre	-----	2 Thursday.
143 Delta	-----	Clay	-----	Andrew K. Brooks	-----	E. G. Caldwell	-----	Delta	-----	1 Sat. and 3 Thursday
144 James Penn	-----	Calhoun	-----	E. H. West	-----	B. J. Loftis	-----	Jacksonville	-----	2 and 4 Monday.
145 Millport	-----	Lamar	-----	Jas. W. Richards	-----		-----	Millport	-----	2 and 4 Saturday.

LIST OF CHAPTERS BY DISTRICTS WITH INSPECTORS OF SAME

(Arranged by Special Committee authorized by Resolution adopted
at this Annual Convocation.)

FIRST DISTRICT.

JOHN H. McCORMICK, Inspector.

- No. 21. Mobile, Mobile.
 - No. 40. Camden, Camden.
 - No. 112. Brewton, Brewton.
 - No. 115. Thomasville, Thomasville.
 - No. 119. Jackson, Jackson.
 - No. 122. Monroe, Monroeville.
 - No. 124. Bladon Springs, Gilbertown.
 - No. 127. Evergreen, Evergreen.
 - No. 141. Castleberry, Castleberry.
- (9 Chapters.)

SECOND DISTRICT.

ALBERT E. PACE, Inspector.

- No. 54. Tyrian, Troy.
 - No. 71. Landmark, Ozark.
 - No. 113. Dothan, Dothan.
 - No. 134. Elba, Elba.
 - No. 135. Florala, Florala.
 - No. 137. Samson, Samson.
 - No. 138. Columbia, Columbia.
- (7 Chapters.)

THIRD DISTRICT.

HENRY F. REESE, Inspector.

- No. 12. Marion, Marion.
 - No. 22. Montgomery, Montgomery.
 - No. 24. Eufaula, Eufaula.
 - No. 26. Union, Uniontown.
 - No. 28. St. John's, Selma.
 - No. 34. Hermon, Union Springs.
 - No. 81. Jefferson, Demopolis.
 - No. 99. Ben Bricken, Luverne.
 - No. 116. Clanton, Clanton.
 - No. 123. Covington, Andalusia.
 - No. 125. Coleanor, Centreville.
 - No. 126. Tallassee, Tallassee.
 - No. 129. James E. Cobb, Tuskegee.
- (13 Chapters.)

FOURTH DISTRICT.

WILLIAM W. RANSOM, Inspector.

- No. 56. Dadeville, Dadeville.
 - No. 79. Hillabee, Alexander City.
 - No. 80. Myles J. Greene, Opelika.
 - No. 100. Roanoke, Roanoke.
 - No. 104. Sylacauga, Sylacauga.
 - No. 106. Graham, Graham.
 - No. 132. Langdale, Langdale.
 - No. 136. Auburn, Auburn.
- (8 Chapters.)

FIFTH DISTRICT.

NORMAN GUNN, Inspector.

- No. 1. Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa.
- No. 19. Mt. Moriah, Eutaw.
- No. 64. Central, Montevallo.

- No. 76. Elyton, Elyton.
No. 88. Springville, Springville.
No. 101. Mineral City, Birmingham.
No. 108. Pratt City, Pratt City.
No. 109. Blocton, Blocton.
No. 110. Bessemer, Bessemer.
No. 114. H. Clay Armstrong, Fayette.
No. 118. Jasper, Jasper.
No. 120. Ensley, Ensley.
No. 131. Cordova, Cordova.
No. 145. Millport, Millport.
(14 Chapters.)

SIXTH DISTRICT.

JOHN PHILIP MELVIN, Inspector.

- No. 23. Talladega, Talladega.
No. 86. Coosa, Gadsden.
No. 105. Anniston, Anniston.
No. 111. Piedmont, Piedmont.
No. 128. Heflin, Heflin.
No. 142. Cherokee, Centre.
No. 143. Delta, Delta.
No. 144. James Penn, Jacksonville.
(8 Chapters.)

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

JOSEPH DIXON MATLOCK, Inspector.

- No. 5. Eunomia, Huntsville.
No. 10. Tuscumbia, Tuscumbia.
No. 25. Courtland, Town Creek.
No. 38. Decatur, New Decatur.
No. 57. Collinsville, Collinsville.
No. 130. Palmyra, Guntersville.
No. 140. Hartselle, Hartselle.
(7 Chapters.)

REVISED AND CORRECTED LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED BY THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1823 TO THE PRESENT TIME, WITH THE YEAR OF THEIR ELECTION.

Year	Grand High Priest.	Deputy G. H. Priest.	Grand King.	Grand Scribe.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.
1850	Rufus Greene*	William P. Chilton*	John R. Clark*	Sidney Smith*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1851	William P. Chilton*	James L. Price*	William H. Norris*	Thomas J. Clark*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1852	William P. Chilton*	James L. Price*	William H. Norris*	Thomas J. Clark*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1853	William P. Chilton*	James L. Price*	Thomas J. Clark*	Malachi W. Davis*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1854	William A. Ferrell*	John R. Clark*	Humphrey S. Shelton*	Malachi W. Davis*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1855	William A. Ferrell*	Thomas C. Hartwell*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Thomas F. Flournoy*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1856	David Clopton*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Robert D. Huckabee*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Amand P. Pfister.*
1857	David Clopton*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Hugh Parks Watson*	John R. Clark*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1858	David Clopton*	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Stephen D. Moore*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1859	Sterling A. M. Wood*	Thomas F. Flournoy*	Hugh Parks Watson*	Humphrey S. Shelton*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1860	Hugh Parks Watson*	James McCaleb Wiley*	James B. Harrison*	Noah B. Cloud*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1861	Hugh Parks Watson*	James McCaleb Wiley*	Peleg Brown*	Thomas F. Flournoy*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1862	Hugh Parks Watson*	James McCaleb Wiley*	Peleg Brown*	Stephen C. Williams*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1863	James B. Harrison*	Peleg Brown*	Isaac W. Suttle*	William Kerr*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1864	James B. Harrison*	Peleg Brown*	William Kerr*	George D. Norris*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1865	James B. Harrison*	Peleg Brown*	James H. Joiner*	Palmer J. Pillans*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1866	George D. Norris*	Richard F. Knott*	James H. Joiner*	James B. Luckie*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1867	Peleg Brown*	Richard F. Knott*	James B. Luckie*	James M. Dedman*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1868	Peleg Brown*	H. Clay Armstrong*	James M. Dedman*	Myles J. Greene*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1869	H. Clay Armstrong*	James B. Luckie*	James M. Dedman*	Myles J. Greene*	Edmund M. Hastings*	Daniel Sayre.*
1870	H. Clay Armstrong*	James B. Luckie*	James M. Dedman*	Myles J. Greene*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1871	H. Clay Armstrong*	James B. Luckie*	James M. Dedman*	Myles J. Greene*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1872	Myles J. Greene*	James M. Dedman*	James Milton*	James E. Cobb*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1873	Myles J. Greene*	James M. Dedman*	James Milton*	James E. Cobb*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1874	Myles J. Greene*	James M. Dedman*	James Milton*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1875	James E. Cobb*	James Milton*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	James Kent*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1876	James E. Cobb*	James Milton*	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
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1881	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William S. Foster*	John R. Goldthwaite*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1882	Lucky W. Jenkins*	William S. Foster*	William W. Screws*	William W. McCollum*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1883	William S. Foster*	William W. Screws*	William W. McCollum*	John G. Harris*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1884	William S. Foster*	William W. Screws*	William W. McCollum*	James T. Beck*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1885	William W. Screws*	William W. McCollum*	John G. Harris*	James T. Beck*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1886	William W. Screws*	William W. McCollum*	John G. Harris*	James T. Beck*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1887	Joseph H. Johnson*	John G. Harris*	James T. Beck*	John A. McKinnon*	William H. Dingley*	Daniel Sayre.*
1888	John G. Harris*	James T. Beck*	John A. McKinnon*	Henry C. Wiley*	William H. Dingley*	Myles J. Greene.*
1889	John G. Harris*	James T. Beck*	John A. McKinnon*	Henry C. Wiley*	William H. Dingley*	Myles J. Greene.*
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1892	James A. McKinnon*	Henry C. Wiley*	Andrew J. Nunnally*	Josiah Jernigan*	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1893	John A. McKinnon*	John G. Smith*	Andrew J. Nunnally*	Josiah Jernigan*	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1894	John G. Smith*	Andrew J. Nunnally*	Josiah Jernigan*	William J. Rhodes*	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1895	John G. Smith*	Josiah Jernigan*	William J. Rhodes*	Edward S. Gatchell*	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1896	Josiah Jernigan*	William J. Rhodes*	Edward S. Gatchell*	George F. Moore*	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1897	Josiah Jernigan*	William J. Rhodes*	Edward S. Gatchell*	George F. Moore*	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1898	Edward S. Gatchell*	George F. Moore*	Charles R. Bricken*	George A. Beauchamp.	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1899	Edward S. Gatchell*	George F. Moore*	Charles R. Bricken*	George A. Beauchamp.	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1900	George F. Moore*	Charles R. Bricken*	Charles R. Bricken*	Basil M. Hill*	William H. Dingley*	H. Clay Armstrong.*
1901	George F. Moore*	Charles R. Bricken*	Charles R. Bricken*	Joseph P. McQueen*	William H. Dingley*	George A. Beauchamp
1902	Charles R. Bricken	Basil M. Hill*	Joseph P. McQueen*	Francis H. Bates*	William H. Dingley*	George A. Beauchamp
1903	Charles R. Bricken	Basil M. Hill*	Joseph P. McQueen*	Francis H. Bates*	William H. Dingley*	George A. Beauchamp
1904	Basil M. Hill	Francis H. Bates	Robert S. Teague.	Lew Lazarus	William H. Dingley*	George A. Beauchamp
1905	Robert S. Teague	Robert S. Teague	Robert S. Teague.	Robt. W. Southerland*	William H. Dingley*	George A. Beauchamp
1906	Robert S. Teague	Lew Lazarus	Lew Lazarus	John B. Christian	William H. Dingley*	George A. Beauchamp
1907	Lew Lazarus	Robt. W. Southerland*	John B. Christian	William E. Bingham.	William H. Dingley*	George A. Beauchamp
1908	Robert W. Southerland*	John B. Christian	William E. Bingham.	Lawrence H. Lee.	William H. Dingley*	George A. Beauchamp
1909	John B. Christian	William E. Bingham.	Lawrence H. Lee.	John B. Lyons.	William H. Dingley*	George A. Beauchamp
1910	William E. Bingham	Lawrence H. Lee	John B. Lyons	Albert E. Pace.	William H. Dingley*	George A. Beauchamp
1911	Lawrence H. Lee	John B. Lyons	Albert E. Pace	Norman Gunn	John Wilson Terry...	George A. Beauchamp
1912	John B. Lyons	Albert E. Pace	Norman Gunn	William W. Ransom	John Wilson Terry...	George A. Beauchamp
1913	Albert E. Pace	Norman Gunn	William W. Ransom	John H. McCormick.	John Wilson Terry...	George A. Beauchamp

^a May, 1823.

^b January, 1824. Regular annual convocation, and at the same time henceforward until otherwise noted.

^c June; there being no convocation in January, the Grand Chapter being declared irregular by the General Grand Chapter, it was there-
fore re-organized in June, 1827, and a new constitution adopted.

^d December. At this time annual convocations were changed to July.

^e July: in accordance with previous order, and at the same time henceforward until otherwise noted.

^f No election, the Grand Chapter having "adjourned" on the evening of July 14th, until the next evening; but it did not convene again
the members having dispersed.

^g There had been no convocation of the Grand Chapter for upwards of seven years, in consequence, perhaps, of the Morgan excitement.
In December, 1827, a few companions assembled in Tuscaloosa and reorganized by the adoption of a constitution, and the election of Grand
officers. The constitution of 1827 was adopted, and the annual convocations fixed for December.

^h Those marked thus (*) are dead.

† Removed.

‡ Expelled by Mobile Chapter No. 21

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS NEAR
THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA.

Grand Chapter.	Grand Representative.	Address.
Arizona.....	George W. Coggin.....	Fayette.
Arkansas.....	William W. Ransom.....	Birmingham.
California.....	Basil M. Hill.....	Springville.
Canada.....	Lew Lazarus	Birmingham.
Colorado.....	John B. Christian.....	Uniontown.
Connecticut.....		
Delaware.....	Albert E. Pace.....	Dothan.
Dist. of Columbia.....	Norman Gunn.....	Jasper.
Florida.....	Robert T. Ward.....	Dadeville.
Georgia.....	Robert S. Teague.....	Montgomery.
Idaho	Walter B. Merrill.....	Heflin.
Illinois.....	John Wilson Terry.....	Montgomery.
Indiana.....	Seth Mabry	Eufaula.
Iowa.....	Stewart McQueen	Montgomery.
Kansas.....	Alex M. P. Dunn.....	Huntsville.
Kentucky.....	Louis J. Wright.....	Talladega.
Louisiana.....	Robert L. Douglass.....	Mobile.
Maine.....	George Pegram.....	Faunsdale.,
Maryland.....	Hezeriah G. Earnest.....	Anniston.
Massachusetts.....	George A. Joiner.....	Talladega.
Minnesota.....	Walter Smith.....	Tuscaloosa.
Mississippi.....	Wellborn J. Renfroe.....	Dothan.
Missouri.....	William E. Bingham.....	Tuscaloosa.
Nebraska.....	Richard Henry Jones	Andalusia.
Nevada.....	Charles R. Bricken.....	Luverne.
New Brunswick.....	John M. Miller.....	Cordova.
New Hampshire.....	Joseph P. Van Derveer.....	Clanton.
New Jersey.....	William P. Cobb.....	Tuskegee.
New S. Wales.....	Q. Salter	Monroeville.
New York.....	Lawrence H. Lee	Montgomery.
New Zealand.....	John M. P. Otts.....	Birmingham.
North Carolina.....	Siddons Stollenwerck	Faunsdale.
North Dakota.....	John Phillip Melvin	Tuscaloosa.
Nova Scotia.....	Albert Early Garner	Dothan.

Grand Chapter.	Grand Representative.	Address.
Ohio.....	John G. Smith.....	Birmingham.
Oklahoma.....	William F. Betts.....	Evergreen.
Oregon.....	George A. Beauchamp.....	Montgomery.
Pennsylvania.....	Woolsey Finnell.....	Tuscaloosa.
Quebec.....	Joseph D. Matlock.....	Birmingham.
Rhode Island.....	Jesse E. McCoy.....	Atmore.
Scotland.....	Jacob U. Ray.....	Woodstock.
South Carolina.....	Francis H. Bates.....	Hamburg.
South Dakota.....	Jacob Bley.....	Demopolis.
Tennessee.....		
Texas.....	John B. Lyons.....	Opelika.
Utah.....	Philip McRae.....	Montgomery.
Vermont.....	J. Leon Gunter.....	New Decatur.
Victoria.....	Gabriel M. Saliba.....	Roanoke.
Virginia.....	Henry F. Reese.....	Selma.
Washington.....	Samuel Stein.....	Bessemer.
Western Australia.....	John H. McCormick.....	Mobile.
West Virginia.....	Robert F. Lovelady.....	Birmingham.
Wisconsin.....	James C. Benson.....	Camden.
Wyoming.....	Thomas Bradford.....	Centre.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALABAMA
NEAR OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS.

Grand Chapter.	Grand Representative.	Address.
Arizona.....	Daniel Francis Mitchell.....	Prescott.
Arkansas.....	Fielding W. Harris.....	Mammoth Spgs.
California.....	Thos. O. Heydenfelt.....	Redwood City.
Canada.....	William Rea.....	Toronto.
Colorado.....	Tyler D. Heiskell.....	Fort Morgan.
Connecticut.....	Eugene A. Hall.....	Meriden.
Delaware.....	J. Harmer Rile.....	Wilmington.
Dist. of Columbia.....	Chas. F. Roberts.....	Washington.
Florida.....	George H. White.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	Thos. H. Jeffries.....	Atlanta.
Idaho.....	J. M. Aldrich.....	Moscow.
Illinois.....	Samuel J. Lefevre.....	Gibson City.
Indiana.....	Alvin G. Tillotson.....	Michigan City.
Iowa.....	William Wilbraham.....	Cresco.
Kansas.....	Harry B. Sparks.....	Lawrence.
Kentucky.....	Laban T. Everett.....	Catlettsburg.
Louisiana.....	H. A. King.....	New Iberia.
Maine.....	Charles M. Sleeper.....	South Berwick.
Maryland.....	Gustav A. Eitel.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	William B. Lawrence.....	Medford.
Minnesota.....	James Kelly.....	Duluth.
Mississippi.....	C. W. Bolton.....	Pontotoc.
Missouri.....	David M. Wilson.....	Milan.
Nebraska.....	Fred'k J. Shaufelberger.....	Hastings.
Nevada.....	William McMillan.....	Reno.
New Brunswick.....	Allison B. Connell.....	Woodstock.
New Hampshire.....	Henry P. Glidden.....	Dover.
New Jersey.....	Joseph A. Behan.....	Ridgefield Park.
New S. Wales.....	David Walter Custer.....	Sydney.
New York.....	R. Montrose Medberry.....	Ballston Spa.
New Zealand.....	James McGregor.....	Invercargill.
North Carolina.....	W. B. McKoy.....	Wilmington.
North Dakota.....	Charles E. Best.....	Enderlin.
Nova Scotia.....	Andrew J. Munro.....	Amherst.

Grand Chapter.	Grand Representative.	Address.
Ohio.....	Carl W. Sperling.....	Oak Harbor.
Oklahoma	William H. Essex.....	South McAlester
Oregon.....	Jay Tuttle	Astoria.
Pennsylvania.....	Walter D. Clark.....	New Castle.
Quebec.....	Charles P. O'Connor.....	Montreal.
Rhode Island.....	John P. Sanborn.....	Newport.
Scotland.....	Charles Martin Hardie.....	Garthhill.
South Carolina.....	O. Frank Hart	Columbia.
South Dakota.....	Frank A. Brown.....	Aberdeen.
Tennessee.....	J. R. Spicer	Paris.
Texas.....	J. M. Strayhorn, Sr.....	San Antonio.
Utah.....	Herman Hill.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	Carroll W. Black.....	Bellows Falls.
Victoria.....	Henry I. Scott.....	Melbourne.
Virginia.....	W. J. Phillips.....	Fredericksburg.
Washington	William A. Fairweather.....	Tacoma.
Western Australia	John W. Smart	Geraldton.
West Virginia.....	James A. Bryan.....	Parkersburg.
Wisconsin.....	Frederick Pollworth	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	Hudson W. Darrah	Cody.

GRAND SECRETARIES AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

Grand Chapter.	Grand Secretary.	Address.
Alabama.....	George A. Beauchamp.....	Montgomery.
Arizona.....	George J. Roskrige.....	Tucson.
Arkansas.....	John C. Bone.....	Batesville.
California.....	Wm. A. Davies.....	San Francisco.
Canada.....	George J. Bennett.....	Toronto.
Colorado.....	Charles H. Jacobson.....	Denver.
Connecticut.....	James McCormick.....	Hartford.
Delaware.....	James H. Price.....	Wilmington.
Dist. of Columbia.....	Arvine W. Johnston.....	Washington.
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Florida.....	Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	William A. Wolihin.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	Lewis W. Ensign.....	Boise.
Illinois.....	George W. Warvelle.....	Chicago.
Indiana.....	Calvin W. Prather.....	Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	Alfred Wingate.....	Des Moines.
Ireland.....	Archibald St. George.....	Dublin.
Kansas.....	Albert K. Wilson.....	Topeka.
Kentucky.....	Howard R. French.....	Mt. Sterling.
Louisiana.....	Richard Lambert.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Stephen Berry.....	Portland.
Maryland.....	John H. Miller.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	J. Gilman Waite.....	Boston.
Michigan.....	Charles A. Conover.....	Coldwater.
Minnesota.....	John Fishel.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	Frederic Gordon Speed.....	Vicksburg.
Missouri.....	Robert F. Stevenson.....	St. Louis.
Montana.....	Cornelius Hedges.....	Helena.
Nebraska.....	Francis E. White.....	Omaha.
Nevada.....	Geo. Gillson.....	Carson.
New Brunswick.....	J. Twining Hartt.....	St. John.
New Hampshire.....	Harry M. Cheney.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Peter McGill.....	Bound Brook.
New Mexico.....	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque.
New S. Wales.....	Alfred J. Burbidge.....	Sydney.

Grand Chapter.	Grand Secretary.	Address.
New York.....	Charles C. Hunt.....	N. Y. City.
New Zealand.....	Herbert J. Williams.....	Wellington.
North Carolina.....	James C. Munds.....	Wilmington.
North Dakota.....	Walter L. Stockwell.....	Fargo.
Nova Scotia.....	S. J. Waddell.....	Truro.
Ohio.....	Edwin Hagenbuch.....	Urbana.
Oklahoma.....	Leo Edmond Bennett.....	Muscogee.
Oregon.....	James F. Robinson.....	Portland.
Pennsylvania.....	Charles Carey.....	Philadelphia.
Quebec.....	Will H. Whyte, Box. 3207.....	Montreal.
Rhode Island.....	William R. Greene.....	Providence.
Scotland.....	Alfred A. A. Murray.....	Edinburgh.
South Carolina.....	O. Frank Hart.....	Columbia.
South Dakota.....	George A. Pettigrew.....	Sioux Falls.
Tennessee.....	John B. Garrett.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	J. F. Brinkerhoff.....	Waco.
Utah.....	Walter Daniels.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	Henry H. Ross.....	Burlington.
Victoria.....	G. L. Marquand.....	Melbourne.
Virginia.....	James B. Blanks.....	Petersburg.
Washington.....	Yancey C. Blalock.....	Walla Walla.
Western Australia.....	John C. Strickland.....	Perth.
West Virginia.....	David K. Reed.....	Clarksburg.
Wisconsin.....	William W. Perry.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	Adrian J. Parshall.....	Cheyenne.
Gen. Gr. Chapter.....	Charles A. Conover.....	Coldwater, Mich.

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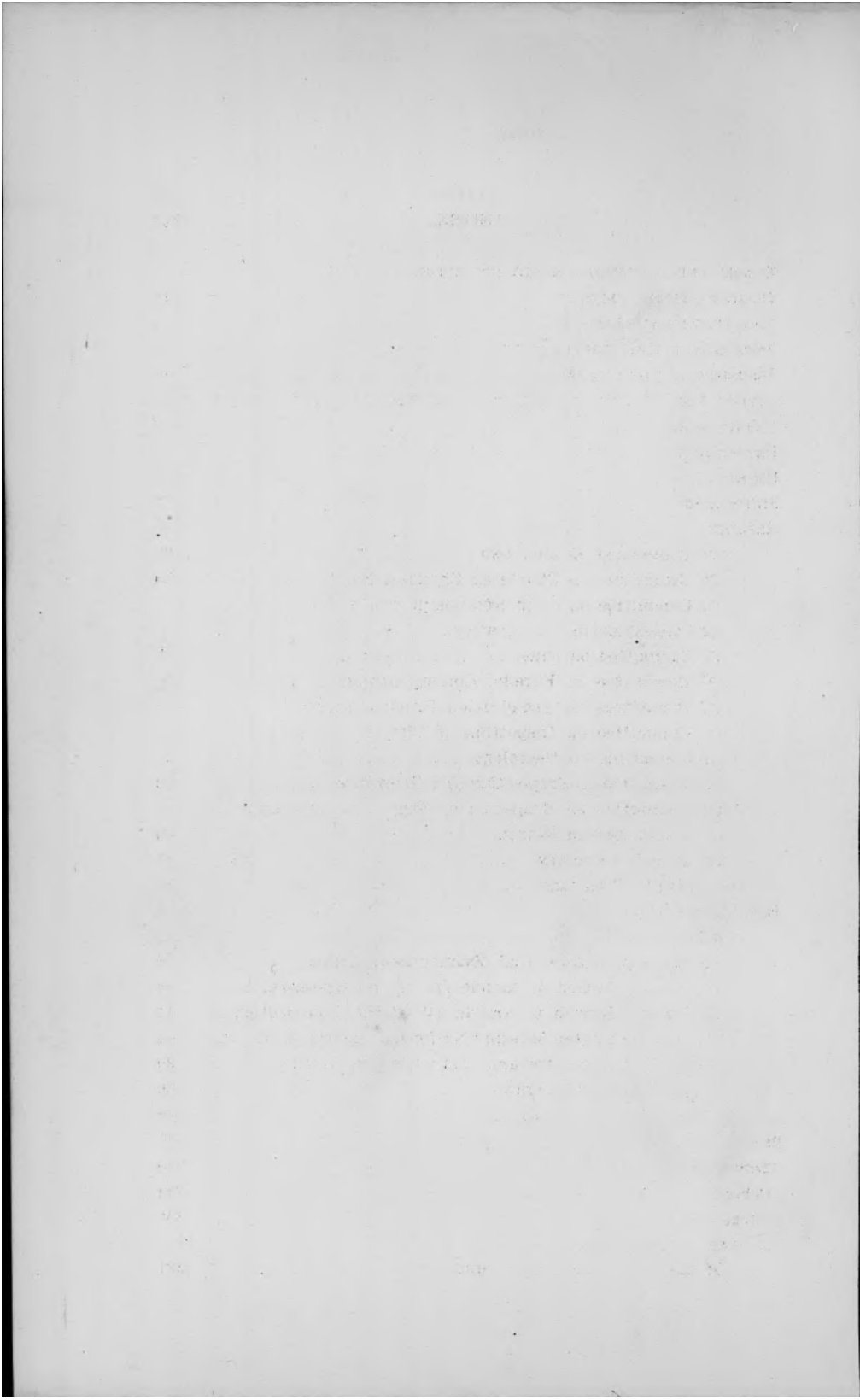
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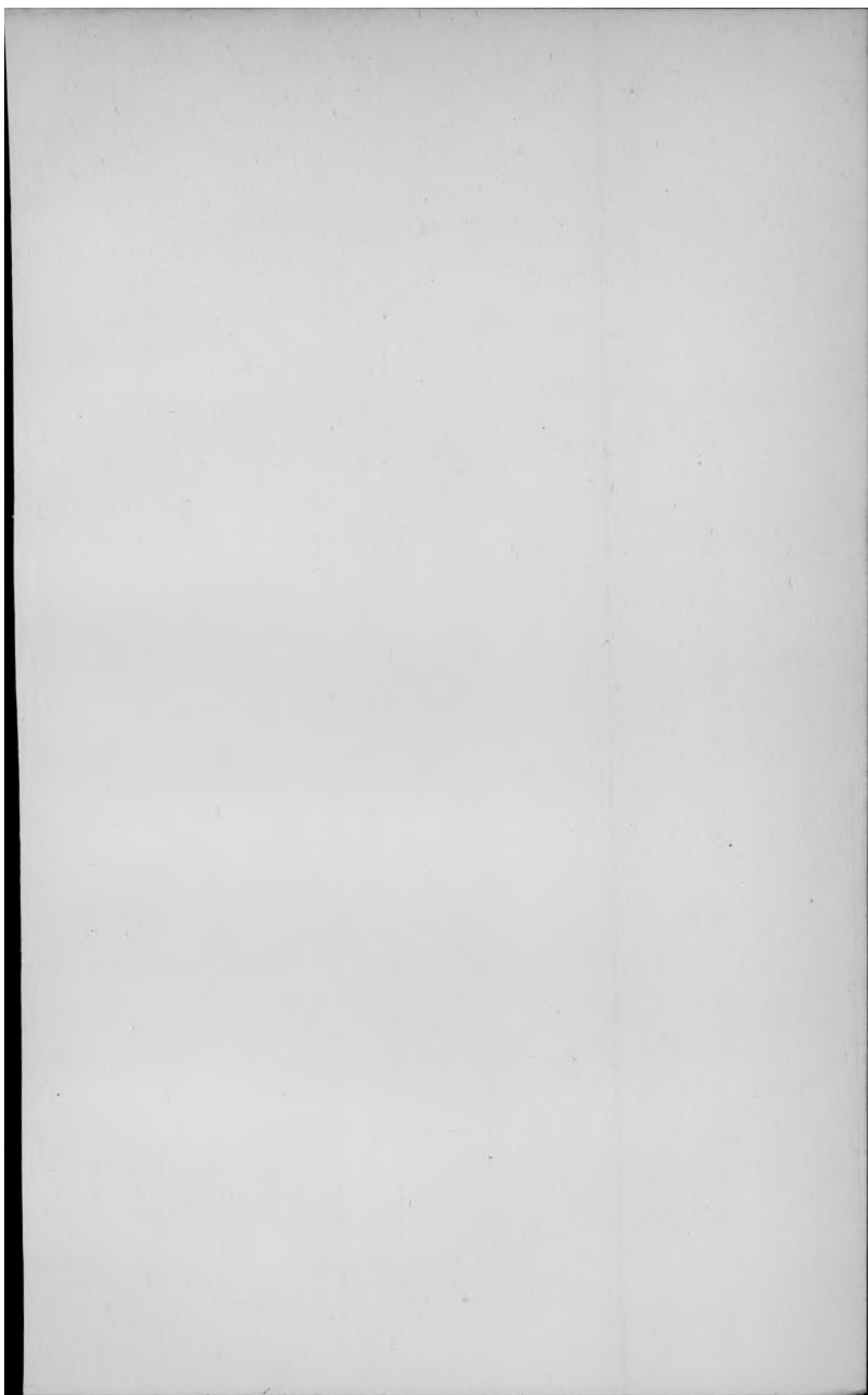
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Grand Officers and their Addresses 1913-1914

Albert E. Pace.....(113)	Dothan.....Grand High Priest.
Norman Gunn.....(118)	Jasper.....Deputy Grand High Priest.
William W. Ransom.....(101)	Birmingham.....Grand King.
John H. McCormick.....(21)	Mobile.....Grand Scribe.
John Wilson Terry.....(22)	Montgomery.....Grand Treasurer.
George A. Beauchamp.....(24)	Montgomery.....Grand Secretary.
Stewart McQueen.....(22)	Montgomery.....Grand Chaplain.
Henry F. Reese.....(28)	Selma.....Grand Captain of Host.
Joseph D. Matlock.....(101)	Birmingham.....Grand Principal Sojourner.
John Philip Melvin.....(125)	Tuscaloosa.....Grand Royal Arch Captain.
Phillip McRae.....(22)	Montgomery.....Grand Master 3 Veil.
William L. Lee.....(138)	Columbia.....Grand Master 2 Veil.
Robert T. Ward.....(56)	Dadeville.....Grand Master 1 Veil.
William H. Cooper.....(22)	Montgomery.....Grand Sentinel.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Lawrence H. Lee, (86) Montgomery, Chairman Committee.

The next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter will be held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Montgomery, on Monday before the First Tuesday in December, i. e., the thirtieth day of November, 1914, at 9 o'clock, A. M.